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Gateway warehouse open

Lanter occupying only a quarter of the space available

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The second major development in the Gateway Commerce Center, near Edwardsville, is now open for business.

The 406,000 square foot warehouse, a joint project by Gateway developers Tri-Star Business Communities, Lanter Corp. and Korte Construction, is nearly complete, and Lanter has moved into the building and has started using the warehouse

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Jeff Lanter
Executive vice president

area. Jeff Lanter, executive vice president of warehousing for Lanter, said Thursday that they moved in

two weeks ago and their main account was expected to start shipping that day.

Lanter is initially occupying about 100,000 square feet of the building, but could eventually take over the rest of the space.

Initially, he said about 15 people would work there, but that number is expected to grow "dramatically" by summer and could reach 50 in the near future.

In the meantime, he said the partnership is actively seeking tenants for the remaining space. The building is the second warehousing and distribution

centers in the park, one of the largest in the St. Louis region.

Lanter said the "great interstate access" is one of the biggest drawing points for the development, located along Illinois 111 just north of Interstate 270.

"We're right on the highway and we're right next to Dial," he said. "The park itself, we just feel it's going to be the next Earth City."

He said they expect a great deal of growth in the area and being established there early is very impor-



The new Lanter warehouse is located in the Gateway industrial complex.

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Loans may be written off

Hotel developers settlement would 'fleece' taxpayers

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Taxpayers will be "fleece" if his successor fails to challenge a judge's ruling that could lead to a write-off of millions of dollars in state loans for

two hotels, former Illinois State Treasurer Patrick Quinn said Monday. Quinn blasted current Treasurer Judy Baar, Topinka saying it was her decision to renegotiate loan terms for the developers of the Collinsville Holiday Inn and the Springfield Renaissance Hotel that led to the court ruling in

Madison County last week. Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono issued an order last Thursday requiring the state to honor a deal brokered by Topinka in 1995, calling for the developers to pay back only \$10 million of money borrowed in the 1980s to build the hotels. The loans

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Costello: Session did little

Congressman disappointed in legislation's accomplishments

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

This session of Congress will probably be known for what it didn't do rather than for what it accomplished, according to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte.

Nationally, he said, the

"There were really very few accomplishments in this session."

Jerry Costello
U.S. representative

passage of a bill to fund the hiring of new elementary teachers is probably the one bright spot, while the failure of Congress to address health-care issues is its biggest failure. "I have said that I believe this congress will go down in history not for what we

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Summerstage to present

Dickens' play
"A Christmas Carol"

runs Dec. 9-12

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Everyone from Gen. George S. Patton to Capt. Jean-Luc Picard have taken a shot at portraying the most famous skinflint in the world.

But Granite City residents will be able to see some of their own in Summerstage's rendition of an adaptation of Charles



The Summerstage cast of "A Christmas Carol." From left, Tom Petrillo as the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Ken Elliff as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Andy Elliff as the ghost of Jacob Marley.

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Christmas shopping season in full swing

Spending up across the board this year

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Christmas shopping season is in full swing. For retailers, that means the next 18 days will be the most wonderful days of the year because an average shopper

will spend a little more than \$800 on gifts, according to a recent Maritz Poll. Malls in particular will be the biggest beneficiary. "We've been doing well. We've had a steady flow of traffic so far," said Diana Padgett, director of market-

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Diana Padgett
Director of marketing
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ing at St. Clair Square shopping mall in Fairview Heights.

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Granite students participate in job shadowing program

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While some fidgeted, others primped or talked. About 150 students at Granite City High School participated Thursday in interviews with local business people for the school's job shadowing program.

The program is the largest part of the Granite City Partnership for Excellence in Education, a cooperative effort between local businesses and the high school.

Linda Petchulat, a junior, was waiting to be interviewed for placement with an elementary school teacher.

"I love kids, they're wonderful and they're so cute and so much fun. It's the best thing to see that little light bulb go off when they understand something."

She said she was "nervous, but not really nervous," about the interview.

"I'm afraid I'm going to say something or I'm going to make a fool out of myself," she said.

Megan Francis, a senior, had just been interviewed about being placed in biomedical engineering.

"I'm interested in math and science and solving problems," she said.

Megan had previously considered being a doctor, but didn't want the responsibilities that come along with the job.

"I want to have a family, so I don't want to be on call all hours, and I really

don't want to be responsible for someone's life," she said. She said her interview went well.

"I think it's a wonderful program," she said. Last year she went through the interviewing process, but could not be placed in her field.

As part of the program, students interview with someone in their prospective job area. Students are placed with a mentor in their field and will spend a day with them in late March.

Now in its sixth year, the program has placed about 1,000 students with mentors in jobs ranging from welding to surgery.

"It gives students an opportunity to go out and experience a career field they want to go into prior to the time their parents have to spend all the money sending them to college," said Janet Mills, chairman of the partnership committee.

Mills said Thursday's interviews were "absolutely outstanding."

As part of the process, the students have to research their job choices, then have the opportunity to take classes in how to dress for work, how to fill out job applications and other related areas.

"They have to do research, they have to get a teacher's recommendation, they have to get their parents' signatures, they have to do all those things prior to coming into an interview," she said.

Mills said the shadowing program is also an opportunity for the business people involved, either as an initial interviewer or a mentor.

"If they really love what they do, they feel they can regenerate within themselves all the thoughts, feelings and reasons they went into the occupation," she said.

Students were interviewed in three shifts Thursday.

"We've had a lot of the business people tell us they are really impressed with the kids," Mills said. "It's just so nice to hear that."

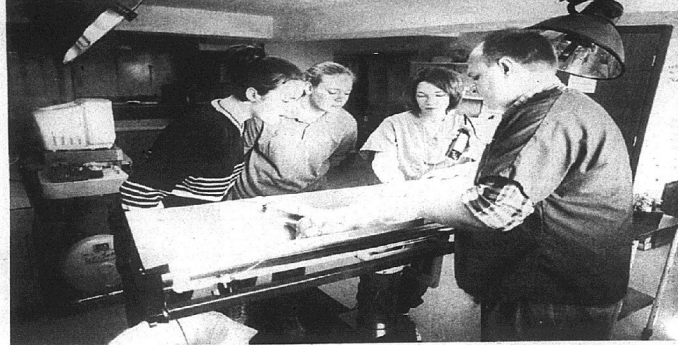
Assistant Principal Cindy Gagich, who coordinates the school's end of the program, said it was "absolutely wonderful."

"The students are prepared, and the business people have been absolutely fantastic," she said.

Gagich said they want the experience to be as true-life as it can be for the students.

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Janet Mills
Chairman, partnership committee



Participants in last year's job shadowing program watch as veterinarian Dr. Larry Davis works on a cat at the Animal Care Center on Maryville Road.

"With all the students we have, we want to try to make a connection between the classroom and the real world," she said. "This is one of those programs that helps them make the transition from education to careers and it lets them see how their classroom learning applies in the real world."

Both Gagich and Mills said the participation by local businesses is the most important part of the program.

"This program has been phenomenal," Gagich said. "This is the sixth year we've done placements and we could never do this without

the support of the business community," she said.

Mills agreed. "The value of the business people is just absolute," she said. "And the business people like the fact that what they're doing is seeing what is coming in the future, because a lot of the people who do the interviewing do the hiring for the businesses."

"The businesses give so much," Mills said.

The number of students placed in a business can range from one to about 30 for St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"It's a tremendous finan-

cial commitment from the hospital," she said.

Ron Payton, director of human resources at SEMC, said the hospital feels it's a great program.

"Some of our department managers who participate in this talk about how wonderful it is for the mentors and what even the patients seem to get out of this," he said.

"These young kids bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the work site and our mentors get as much out of it as the kids do."

Payton was one of the original participants in the program six years ago.

Metro area development projects to receive state funding

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Several local communities will benefit from money released by Illinois Gov. George Ryan Wednesday. State Sen. Evelyn Bowles (D-Edwardsville) released a list of area projects due to receive funding for community enhancement projects Wednesday. The money, over \$1.6 million, will sup-

port several important local development projects in the 56th district, she said.

Topping the list, Belleville Area College will receive \$870,000 from the Capital Development Board for the construction of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology Training Facility. For a different kind of transportation initiative, Madison County Transit District will receive \$400,000 from the Department of Transportation for the Collinsville Transit Center.

Glen Carbon Senior Community Center will benefit as one of the larger funding recipients. The project will receive the \$175,000 needed for completion.

"One of the things the seniors in Glen Carbon are very excited about in the center is a cyber cafe. They'll be able to come in and learn how to use the computers and how to access the Internet. The center will also have a meet-

ing room and a craft area," Bowles staff member Dana Yowell said.

Other projects receiving funding will be:

The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission will receive \$50,000 from the Department of Community and Commerce Affairs for community/county technical planning. SIMPAC will also receive \$15,000 for its region-

al information management system.

The Touch of Nature Camp, affiliated with Southern Illinois University, will receive \$148,000 from the Capital Development Board for improvements to a bathhouse.

"All of these worthwhile

projects will benefit our area citizens," Bowles said. "I am very pleased with the governor's allocation of money for these improvements in our area. Our state government must continue to be involved in the development of our communities."

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enhancement projects Wednesday. The money, over \$1.6 million, will sup-

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Costello doubts bases will close

Congressman believes economy will keep area installations open

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

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As long as the economy remains good and the federal government keeps a balanced budget, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said that he doubts Congress will authorize a new round of military base closings.

And even if that does happen, he said that more than \$1 billion in improvements at Scott Air Force Base will strengthen its position with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

However, he said Friday in an interview at his office in Granite City, the fate of the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City is still up in the air, and a decision on that base will probably be released by the Pentagon in the next 60 days.

Scott Air Force Base was not listed on the last base

closure list, and the Price Center narrowly escaped after being on the initial list. However, the U.S. Army is now reviewing a "Record of Excess" on the Price Center and may eliminate the entire base, or just portions of it.

Costello said things are looking very good for Scott Air Force Base now.

"Scott and the BRAC is always on my mind," Costello said Friday. "Scott Air Force Base is the largest employer in our area, and about the fourth largest employer in the metropolitan area, so it's my number one priority."

Costello said he was not as concerned about Scott and the BRAC as he was several years ago. In the first BRAC rounds, Scott was considered vulnerable to closing because it was primarily a headquarters base. The addition of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, a new runway as part of the joint-use with MidAmerica Airport, and an extended runway on

the military side have made the base more viable.

"Every year since the last round have continued to strengthen the base," he said. "We now have more than 800 new family housing units at Scott Air Force Base

that have replaced World War II vintage housing."

The base also has a new commissary and a new control tower.

"The federal government has invested about \$1 billion in the last seven years at Scott," he said.

The runway additions were the most important additions, he said. Without the improved runways, he said, the base would have not been able to attract the air refueling wing.

"Without MidAmerica there, I am certain that it would not have come to Scott," he said. "What a lot of people don't realize is that it was a major coup to pull that off."

The wing moved from O'Hare in Chicago because the city wanted the space as a site for the United Airlines headquarters. Originally, the city sent out feelers around the state for another location for the wing, but would also pay for the unit's relocation. However, the city of Chicago eventually paid almost \$100 million in relocation costs.

"We literally stepped in and brought it to Scott and it didn't cost us a thing," Costello said. "It's a tremendous improvement to the area."

Costello said officials are looking at other ways to strengthen the base.

One might be the relocation of the Missouri Air National Guard unit now based at Lambert, but he

said there would be "major obstacles" involved.

The fate of the Price Center is more unsettled, although there is a great deal of opportunity there, either as a military base or a civilian development.

Costello said area leaders are approaching it in a "two-pronged" fashion.

While past efforts have been exclusively geared to saving the base, they are now looking at other ways to utilize it if the military closes it.

"What we want to do is to continue to be ahead of the curve," he said.

Costello said "no" every place in this nation, I believe that because of our early planning and the work we did two years before the last BRAC, the dividends were tremendous."

Costello said he expects a final decision on the base in the next 60 days.

If the military abandons it, it would most likely go to the Tri-City Regional Port District.

While local officials have worked to save the base, in the past year the emphasis has shifted more toward how it can be utilized for economic development.

During a recent business tour by the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, the base was one of the sites toured, and development plans have been started.

Costello said that either way, the Price Center offers a great deal.

"I believe that if we handle this right, we can have more jobs and create more revenue for the local economy than the Price Center has generated as a military facility," he said.

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Jerry Costello
U.S. representative

Nominations sought for Women of Achievement



Women of Achievement, the organization that annually honors women of St. Louis who have contributed to the strength and vitality of the metropolitan area, is accepting nominees for the year 2000.

The deadline to submit nominations for this prestigious award is Jan. 21.

"Women throughout the greater St. Louis area are continually making outstanding contributions to our community," said Theresa E. Loveless, board president of the organization. "As the year draws to a close, it is the perfect time to think of the women who have made an impact on the community in 1999."

Loveless, who is executive director of the Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis, recently was elected to a two-year term as board president of the organization.

She received the Women of Achievement award in 1992.

Loveless is active in the St. Louis community and

serves on numerous boards, including the Missouri Botanical Garden Sub-District Commission, Parents As Teachers National Center, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

In addition to leadership from Loveless, newly elected officers to the Women of Achievement board of directors are Joanne Kohn, vice president; Jane Evans, secretary; and Joy Melman, treasurer.

Newly elected board members are Mary Randolph Ballinger, Judy Champ, Sue Clancy, Marilyn Fox, Mary Lou Hess, Virginia Klein, Jean Neal, Sister Mary Roch Rocklage, Elizabeth Sayad, Nancy Smith and Ida Woolfolk.

Members of the board who will be serving the second year of their two-year term are Charmaine Chapman, Ellen Conant, Jane Evans, Joanne Kohn, Joy Melman and Terri Shores.

Sponsors of the Women of Achievement awards are the Suburban Journals, KMOX-AM (1120) and Westfield Shoppingtowns.

Nominations may be sent to Suburban Journals, Attn: Women of Achievement, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

Be safe with home heating equipment this season

Practice fire safety with space heaters

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Everyone knows Dec. 25 is Christmas day, but does everybody realize that Dec. 21 is the first day of winter?

That means of course that cold weather is lurking around the corner, ready to burst onto the scene for the next three months in the way of freezing rain, snow and quite possibly frigid temperatures.

Therefore, when pulling out space heaters, stacking logs or turning up thermostats, remember to practice fire safety because the leading cause of fire in the United States is due to heat-related equipment used to keep people warm. Fireplaces, portable heaters and wood stoves are especially dangerous, signaling the need for safety measures to reduce the risk of fires.

For the past five years, heating devices have caused an average of 800 residential fires, six deaths and 73 injuries and more than \$7.82 million in property damage in Illinois, according to a study registered by the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

"Many of the home heating related fires could have been prevented with care and caution," State Fire Marshal Thomas Armstead said. "Proper handling, understanding and operation of heating equipment are essential to preventing related fires and subsequent deaths and injuries."

The Office of the Illinois

State Fire Marshal advocates that all heating units carry the label of a recognized testing laboratory before being purchased and that users follow the manufacturers' installation, operation and maintenance instructions on the devices. OSFM recommends that heating units should be checked and cleaned professionally each season and that heating equipment meet local fire codes.

In addition, OSFM advises that space heaters should be placed at least 36 inches

"Many of the home heating related fires could have been prevented with care and caution."

Thomas Armstead
State fire marshal

away from anything combustible and should never be left unattended. OSFM advocates the burning of proper fuels in heating devices, and not green wood, trash or paper in wood stoves or fireplaces.

As far as electrical fires, they are more prevalent this time of year, according to OSFM, because of electrical outlets being overloaded to light Christmas decorations. OSFM suggests checking fuses regularly and using extension cords sparingly.

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TRAFFIC STOP/NARCOTICS

ARREST: Forrest Lee Brown Jr., 47, Donna J. Gelsco, 37, and Matthew J. Novaria, 28, were taken into custody for narcotics violations at 8:29 a.m. Dec. 2 at College and Amherst in Collinsville by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Brown was driving a white, 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix that allegedly failed to stop at a stop sign. A search of the vehicle allegedly turned up white, rock-like substances near where Brown and Novaria were seated in the car. A small plastic bottle containing a broken glass tube, wire mesh and suspected drug residue was allegedly found on Novaria and a tissue with two large, white, rock-like substances was allegedly found on Gelsco. All three were transported to the Madison County jail and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois was contacted for follow-up. Brown was given a warning for failure to obey a traffic sign.

WARRANT ARREST: Jeffrey L. Cook, 44, was arrested on two active warrants after a routine traffic stop at 2:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at Arlington and University in Collinsville by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Cook was a passenger in an automobile that was stopped for a routine traffic violation. A computer check revealed two warrants from the Granite City Police Department for failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge and failure to appear on a theft charge.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE WAS REVOKED/WARRANT ARREST: Brian L. Sherfy, 26, was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 3:38 a.m. Dec. 3 at West Chain of Rocks Road and Essersburg by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Sherfy was stopped for a minor traffic offense, and he allegedly admitted to the sheriff's deputy that he had no driver's license, that he was wanted on an active warrant and that he was drinking a beer. A computer check showed that his driver's license had been revoked in July 1997 and that he was wanted in Madison for failure to appear on a charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle. An open can of beer was found inside Sherfy's vehicle. Sherfy was taken into custody on the warrant and was also ticketed for having no rear registration plate light, driving while license was revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol.

WARRANT ARREST: Archie R. Gardner, 35, was arrested on two active warrants at 8:05 a.m. Dec. 5 at Market Street and Washington Avenue in Madison by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Gardner was wanted for failure to appear on a cocaine possession charge by the Madison County Sheriff's Department and failure to appear on an unlawful possession of a controlled substance charge by the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

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Damon L. McKnight, 30, of the 4700 block of Palm, St. Louis, was charged with driving under the influence for an incident that occurred early Monday morning. According to a police report, at about 1 a.m. McKnight allegedly struck a parked vehicle in the 200 block of Washington Avenue. The accident occurred in close proximity of a patrol car, from which an officer saw McKnight stagger from his vehicle. McKnight was given a sobriety test after the officer allegedly smelled alcohol on McKnight. Besides being charged, McKnight was given citations for unsafe backing, failure to reduce speed and driving without insurance.

Paul Allen Zachritz, 41, of the 2300 block of 300 North, St. Louis, was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and aggravated assault. According to a police report, Zachritz was slumped inside a vehicle off the side of the road along Pontoon Road about 11:50 p.m. Sunday. An officer tried to get Zachritz's attention by shaking him, but could not. Eventually Zachritz came to his senses and began yelling profanities at the officer, who took Zachritz into custody after he allegedly smelled alcohol on Zachritz. As the officer tried to handcuff Zachritz, Zachritz resisted arrest, and while being booked later at the police station, allegedly ran at an officer and threw his boots at him.

Eric C. Padilla, 20, of the 1700 block of Edison, Granite City, was charged with disorderly conduct in regard to an incident that occurred early Sunday morning. According to a police report, Padilla was arrested about 3:45 a.m. because of noise coming from his house during a party. Padilla, the report stated, had been warned earlier by police to stop the noise.

Divorces

Marriage Dissolutions granted recently in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County include:

David Charles Landwehr of Glen Carbon and Sarah Kathryn (Hall) Landwehr of Glen Carbon; married May 2, 1997.

Mark Gregory Drysdale of Arnold, Mo. and Linda Kay (Wuthrich) Drysdale of Glen Carbon; married March 21, 1998.

Michael John Heinemeier of Worden and Sheri Lynn (McGee) Heinemeier of Granite City; married Sept. 10, 1994.

Charles R. Smith of Decatur and Melanie R. (Riva) Smith of Edwardsville; married April 24,

1971.

Jay N. King of Granite City and Leona Kim (Schaefer) King; married Nov. 14, 1988.

Paul John Fischer of Collinsville and Linda Fay (Schmedeman) Fischer of Collinsville; married Jan. 8, 1988.

Michael Jacob Jacobi of Collinsville and Denise Louise (Garwood) Jacobi of Collinsville; married Aug. 3, 1991.

Paul D. Singleton of Moro and Julie K. (Sutton) Singleton of Granite City; married Aug. 1, 1992.

Monty Dale Osborn of Granite City and Lori Lynn (Schubert) Osborn of Granite City; married Oct. 27, 1990.

Historical society to hold open house Dec. 12

The Old Six-Mile Historical Society is holding an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Old Six-Mile Museum at 3279 Maryville Road. Society President Irene Dawes said the Museum will be decorated for Christmas and numerous items - including the Granite City Centennial pictorial book - will be on sale. There will also be Christmas music and refreshments.

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Drafts
See previous explanation.

Pale Green Leaves
This usually signals a lack of nitrogen. Fertilize your poinsettia with a houseplant fertilizer according to label instructions.

Christmas Cactus
This is another favorite holiday plant that produces colorful, pendulous blooms during the winter. Flowers appear in white, red, pink, rose or lavender.

Care is relatively simple. These plants prefer medium light. While the plant is in bloom, allow one quarter of the soil to dry between waterings and apply a flowering plant food according to label directions.

Two or three weeks after flowering, these plants will go into a dormant period. At this time, stop applying fertilizer and only water enough to keep the soil from completely drying out. Eventually new growth will appear and the water and fertilizer schedule may be resumed.

To initiate flowering, Christmas cacti require long nights (14-16 hours of darkness) and low night temperatures that should not exceed 65°F or fall below 50°F. The plant should be kept under these conditions until flower buds form. Christmas cacti may drop their buds as a result of improper watering, low humidity, drafts or sudden changes in environment.

Following are conditions that can cause wilting.

Dry soil
The remedy is to water the plant thoroughly. Poinsettias should be watered when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. They should be checked daily for water.

Wet Soil
Make sure the plant isn't sitting in water. Remove any excess water and make sure the drainage holes aren't blocked. Follow the watering practices outlined above.

Drafts
Check the area for drafts of either hot or cold air. The temperature should remain around 60° to 70°F. Keep the plant away from heat sources such as heat vents.

Freezing
Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done to the plant that has been exposed to a too-cold environment. All you can do is take the proper precautions with your next poinsettia. Make sure the plant is wrapped and completely covered at the checkout and then taken directly home. If you must run an errand or two, you should take the poinsettia home first.

Causes of Leaf Drop

Insufficient lighting
Poinsettias should receive bright, indirect light.

Overwatering
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Costello: This year's Congressional session did little

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accomplished but for what we did not finish," he said Friday. "There were really very few accomplishments in this session."

The legislation to hire teachers is designed to reduce class sizes in grades 1-3.

"I was in a school two weeks ago...I had a third grader ask me 'Congressman, can you do something to get more teachers in our classroom?'"

Costello said. "He said we've just got too much going on in our class for the teacher to pay attention to us."

The teacher told Costello that they had 34 students in the class.

"The goal is to reduce the teacher-student ratio to 18 students per classroom," he said.

He said the most important piece of unfinished business is the "strong" need to provide a prescription drug benefits for Medicare recipients.

"We have many, many

senior citizens that spend half of their monthly income or more on prescription drugs," he said.

With that, he said a "patients bill of rights" is very important "so we can get the bureaucrats from the HMO's out of the system and put the doctors and the patients back in charge."

Costello also said he "strongly believes" Congress needs to pass a minimum wage increase.

While some Republicans have proposed a \$1 increase over a three-year period, coupled with a large number of tax breaks for businesses, Costello said he favored the increase over a two-year period with just a few tax breaks.

"They want to return to the days of the three-martini lunches," he said. "I don't think we need to return to those days."

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Jerry Costello
U.S. Representative

simply to give the minimum wage increase will hurt small business and put small businesses out of business," he said. "It's the same argument that Republicans have made in every session of

Congress every time the minimum wage issue has come up. The fact of the matter is, the rhetoric is there, but there is no substance behind it."

Costello said he was in favor of some "reasonable" tax proposals, including allowing small businesses to write off 100 percent of health care costs, a reduction in the capital gains tax, and eliminating the inheritance tax.

"Those are proposals that I could go along with and increase the minimum wage, but to go back to the three-martini lunch is unreasonable and uncalled for," he said.

Locally, he said one bright spot was one of the last bills to get through before Congress adjourned. The bill allows the transfer of property from the federal government to the state of Illinois for the construction

of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center along Illinois 3 north of Granite City.

The \$8 million facility is expected to be completed in time for the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

"I'm not sure that people in this area realize what a big deal that is," Costello said. "That interpretive center will host at least 100,000 visitors every year after it's open, and Lord knows how many people we're going to see in 2003 and 2004."

He said the Lewis and Clark bicentennial is being promoted internationally, and will bring large numbers of tourists to the area.

"We're going to have people in here not only from the United States, we're going to have people from all over the world coming in here," he said.

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EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison. For information, call 877-3020.

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TOPS 2363 meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbie at 452-0273.

Monthly

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF Proposed Issuance of an Air Pollution Protection Control Joint Construction and Operating Permit for American Steel Foundries, Granite City

American Steel Foundries has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a permit to construct and operate a new facility located at 1700 Walnut in Granite City. A permit set as its cores out of sand and resin. The construction would not be a significant modification at the facility pursuant to the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (40 CFR 52.21) rules. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed issuance of the joint construction and operating permit.

The Illinois EPA has reviewed the permit application and has concluded that the application complies with applicable state and federal air pollution control laws and rules, including the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the federal Clean Air Act, and Illinois' Rules for Air Pollution (35 ILCS Admin. Code title 8).

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/epaosr/permits/online.htm. These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2009 Main Street in Collinsville, 618-546-5120 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217-782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight January 7, 2000. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Request for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Robin Hemmicks, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217-782-2113, TDD phone number 217-782-8163, or you may call the Illinois EPA's toll free phone number 1-888-372-1996 and leave a message for Brad Frost specifying you would like information about this site.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hayes Mallory Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville. All meetings are open to the public.

ILLINOIS INNOVATORS AND INVENTORS meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Madison Mutual Building, 1371 Edwardsville Rd., Granite City. Call Phil Curry (858-5511) for information.

MADISON SENECA SOCIETY meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship meeting room of Immanuel United Methodist Church, 800 North Main St., Edwardsville. Guests are welcome and membership is open to all interested persons. For information about the society, call Elsie Wasser at 858-2299 or Marie Eberle at 858-1789.

Public Notice

Proposed Issuance of an Air Pollution Protection Control Joint Construction and Operating Permit for American Steel Foundries, Granite City

AMERICA meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marine, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For more information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

Miscellaneous

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Edwardsville-Drusilla Chapter, will have their holiday meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the home of Meg Oberlin, 344 Sunset Drive, Edwardsville. The DAR is a national organization dedicated to historic preservation of education and patriotic endeavor. For membership information, call 234-0088.

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month starting at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for non-members and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE SINGLES CONNECTION has scheduled the following activities: Thursday - Wood River for some great Chinese food at House of China Restaurant. Meet at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Bill at 254-5811.

URBAN LEAGUE of Madison County offers the following programs at the UL Health Care Services: 500 Madison Ave., Madison. For more information, call 452-5394. Family planning services from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Thursday. Screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

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Buske Lines to build warehouse

Distribution company plans new facility at Gateway

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

As workers are finishing work on the new Lanier warehouse at the Gateway Commerce Center, a Litchfield-based company has confirmed that it will be building there in the near future.

Tom Buske, president of Buske Lines Inc., a warehousing and distribution firm with about 400 employees from Canada to Houston, said Friday they expect to

start construction on a new warehouse just west of the Dial Corp. warehouse.

Buske Lines Inc. serves an area ranging from Toronto to Mexico and east to Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Buske said the company recently finished construction of a new warehouse in Houston. "We own about a million square feet (of warehouse space) and lease about 500,000 square feet," he said. The company recently purchased 23 acres at Gateway.

"We're planning to build a 150,000 to 450,000 square foot warehouse there," he said. "That depends on what customer potential we have."

He said his company would use about 100,000 square feet of space and lease the remainder. "If we're just going to build a building for ourselves we would build the smaller size," he said.

He also said they will probably move part of their maintenance operations from Litchfield and could eventually move their headquarters to this area.

Developer's loans may be written off

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now are worth \$40 million to \$50 million, including the interest, Quinn said.

Topinka subsequently backed out of the deal after the state attorney general told her she did not have the authority to make it and after audits questioned the value of the properties. A corporation representing the hotel developers subsequently filed suit in 1995 to keep the deal intact, leading to Bono's decision last week.

"It's really disgraceful. The taxpayers will really be getting fleeced if this thing is allowed to go through," said Quinn, a Chicago

lawyer.

Topinka's office could not be reached for comment after Quinn's remarks. But earlier in the day, a representative said Topinka must consult with the Illinois Attorney General's Office before deciding whether to appeal Bono's ruling. The state's decision is not expected before early next year, the spokesman said.

When Topinka first proposed the \$10 million settlement, she said it seemed the only way to get at least some of the money paid back to the state treasury. Under the deal, the developers keep the hotels.

The developers have strong political connections.

Gary Fears, who headed the Collinsville effort, was a prominent fundraiser for both Republicans and Democrats, including former state representative and Illinois House Majority Leader Jim McPike of Alton.

The Springfield hotel development was led by a partnership including William Cellini, a Springfield Republican and a major shareholder in Argosy Gaming Co., owner of the Alton Belle Casino.

Both loans were extracted from a state-subsidized loan program supported by former Gov. James Thompson and former Treasurer Jerome Consentino.

Obituaries

Jennie Bilyeu

JENNIE L. (MIHU) BILYEU, 80, of Granite City, died at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999.

She was born Nov. 4, 1919, in Shelby County, Miss. Mrs. Bilyeu worked as a quartermaster at American Steel, an engraver at Nesco, a meat trimmer at Swift Packing Company, manager of Mick's Truck Stop, operations manager at White Owl Truck Stop, J and J in Troy and M and M in Madison. She was a member of Women of the Granite City 272 Moose Lodge, American Auxiliary, Navy Mothers, a former Queen of Heart and the oldest college member of the Moose.

She is survived by a daughter, Margaret Veach of Opydyke; a brother, Robert Bixler of Granite City; a sister, Betty Harned of Decatur; and five grandchildren: Jennie Greider, Cindy Conley, Nina Jackson, Patricia Duncan and Edward Ward.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charlie McDonald; second husband, Vasil Mih; third husband, Logan Bilyeu; her parents, Fred H. and Nina M. (Meachum) Bixler; and a sister, Juanita Schmidt.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Weibin officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan House in Mt. Vernon.

George Hasty Sr.

GEORGE S. HASTY SR., 83, of Dupu, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at his residence.

He was born June 30, 1916, in Bixby, Mo. Mr. Hasty was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired from the Village of Dupu and was a member of First Baptist Church in Dupu and the church's XYZ club.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita (Owens) Hasty; seven children, Georgia Medley, Katherine Smick, Fay Cooper and George Hasty Jr., all of Granite City; Jack Hasty of Brownsville; Stanley Hasty of Pevely, Mo.; and Pamela Danco of Maryville, two sisters, Daisy Hirtle and Helen Stevens, both of Belleville; two brothers, Bill Hasty of Granite City and Donald Hasty of Edwardsville; 26 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; two sisters and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Darrell Atkins officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Edwin Hemann

EDWIN H. "DICKIE/DUTCH" HEMANN, 83, of Germantown, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at Saint Louis University Hospital.

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He was born Sept. 27, 1916, in Germantown. Mr. Hemann was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a retired auto mechanic with Barney's Brake Service in Granite City and previous owner operator of Dutch's Brake Service in East St. Louis. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown, Fraternal Order of Eagles in Granite City, Disabled American Veterans and International Association of Machinist and Auto Workers District 9.

He is survived by a son, Darrel Hemann of Germantown; a daughter, Darlene Pearson of Belleville; a brother, Vincent Hemann of Germantown; two sisters, Dorothy Schroeder of Germantown and Martha Mote of Breese and two grandchildren, Trisha and Lindsay Pearson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Julia (Fauke) Hemann and Pauline (Johnson) Hemann; Marjorie (Bovnotte) Hemann; his parents, Theodore and Anna (Bruns) Hemann; and a brother, Edward Hemann.

Funeral services were Monday at Moss Funeral Home in Germantown with the Rev. Vincent Hasselhorst officiating. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery.

Lesslie Sheppard

LESSLIE "RAY" SHEPPARD, 87, of Fairview Heights, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born Dec. 2, 1912, in Cartwell, Mo. Mr. Sheppard was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired after 25 years at Certain Teed Products in East St. Louis. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Fairview Heights.

He is survived by his wife, Mary

E. "Betty" (Venuto) Sheppard; a son, David Sheppard of Granite City; a daughter, Betty Gregson of Mogalia, Calif.; a brother, Claude Sheppard of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Faye Hardy of Fairview Heights and two grandchildren, Tammi Boston of Mount Olive and David Allen Sheppard of Melvin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ida (Gibson) Sheppard; a sister, Bertha Eaton and a brother, Chester Sheppard in infancy.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Kossy Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Shane Bishop officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials may be made to Christ United Methodist Church.

Gloria Vinton

GLORIA L. (RICHARDSON) VINTON, 72, of Granite City, died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 6, 1927, in Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Vinton was a homemaker and licensed nurseryman.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Walter Vinton, whom she married in 1939. Other survivors include a son, H. Ronald Vinton of Perryville, Mo.; three daughters, Susan K. of Memphis, Jeanette Vinton of Granite City and Linda Siqueido of Cambrian Park, Calif.; two brothers, Red Richardson of Des Moines, Iowa, and Norman Richardson of Panama, Iowa; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Stella Louise (Strong) Richardson and a daughter, Gloria Jean Vinton.

Funeral services will be at 9:30

a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

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Robert Zellerman

ROBERT A. ZELLERMAN, 79, of Granite City, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

He was born April 27, 1920, in Robertsville, Mo. Mr. Zellerman was a sales representative for F.A. Friedman in Madison. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic

Church in Granite City and the Senior Citizens Bowling League.

He is survived by his wife, Mary V. (Foebrkob) Zellerman, whom he married June 14, 1947. Other survivors include a son, Robert Zellerman of Granite City; a daughter, Kathleen Welch of Springfield; five grandsons, Christopher Welch of Springfield, Matthew Welch of St. Louis, Joseph, David and Joshua Zellerman, all of Granite City and two great-grandsons, Christopher Welch and Nathan Welch, both of

Springfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard F. and Anna M. (Reub) Zellerman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. James Fiach officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Gateway warehouse open

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tant. The business park is being marketed as an ideal location for warehousing and transportation-related industries, which Lanter said is a fast-growing field because many manufacturers are outsourcing the transportation and distribution ends of their businesses. "The move for outsourcing is growing rapidly," he said. Manufacturers are sticking to their core business and they're looking to experts such as ourselves."

Mike Towerman, president of Tristar, said the new warehouse, costing approximately \$12 million to build,

is important for several reasons. "It does a couple of things," he said. "It makes space immediately available in the park," Towerman said. "There is a certain percentage of prospects for the park that need space more quickly than it can be built. Having a bulk warehouse ready to go enables us to deliver space to them in their time frames."

He said having buildings in the development also helps convince some businesses that it is a "serious" project. "That was part of the idea," he said. "Like anything else there's something of a herd mentality and it

becomes a safer decision to put their business at Gateway." Although the area is being touted primarily for warehousing and distribution, Towerman said they were also hoping to attract some manufacturing companies to the area. "I'd like to get some manufacturers because suppliers will want to be near the manufacturing plant and they need to warehouse their supplies as well," he said. Manufacturing also provides more jobs and a higher tax base for local municipalities.

So far, he said no manufacturers have expressed direct interest, but they have had some "blind" searches from companies that were obviously manufacturers. Towerman said a third company has purchased land and they expect others in the near future. For the time being, he said most of the new development will occur to the west of Illinois 111 because utilities and roads are already in place.

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Shopping season in full swing

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that men typically spend more money than women. This shopping season, however, women will spend the same as their counterparts, averaging about \$828. Last year, men spent about \$798 and women about \$714. The most frugal shoppers, according to the poll, are between the ages of 18 and 24; they will spend an average of \$600. The biggest spenders are between the ages of 45 and 54; they will spend an average of \$1,063. Those between 35 and 44 will spend about \$813, followed by \$927 for people 65 and older and \$949 for those between the ages of 55 and 64.

Christine Ross, 28, of St. Louis, who was shopping Friday afternoon at St. Clair Square, said she will spend about the same as indicated by her age group.

"It's going to be right on the money, simply because my husband wants that special gift," Ross said. "It seems like each year I spend more and more."

Lamella Hall, 86, of Glen Carbon, said she will spend much more than the \$927 categorized by her age group.

"I have 19 grandchildren. That's a lot of money right there," Hall said with a smirk. "I've spent almost \$600 now, and I really haven't started."

Bill Spitzke, 57, of Collinsville, said he will easily surpass his age group



Michael Heil photo

Christine Ross selects a candle at Wicks & Sticks at St. Clair Square. Ross was one of a majority of shoppers who said she would spend more than the amount categorized in her age group.

because he said he is a "big spender who loves to shop."

"I have a lot of family to buy for, so I start in January," Spitzke said. "I don't feel anything minus in the pocket book because this is something I do year

round."

Sharon Speller of Belleville, a 21-year-old junior at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, said she will spend a tad more than what her age group indicates, but would like to spend even more.

"I work part-time and attend school, which kind of makes it hard for me to buy what I want. If I had more money, I definitely would spend it," Speller said.

A majority of shoppers, about 40 in all, interviewed Friday said they would spend more than their age group, which means that area retailers probably will not be singing the blues after the holiday season as indicated by the Maritz Poll.

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Summerstage to present Dickens' play

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Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 9 through 12. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Dickens' shortest and best-known novel, the classic tale of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, who reforms after visits from his dead partner Jacob Marley and three other ghosts, includes a score by Michel Le Grand and Sheldon Harnick.

The cast includes Ken Elliff as Scrooge and John Buxton Jr. as his nephew Fred.

Richard Skirball and Melissa Snelson play the Cratchits, and Tom Batsios appears as Tiny Tim.

Other cast members include Alexandra Batsios, Wesley Copper, Hannah Foster, Kimberly Shepherd, Keeley Snelson and Kristen Wilson as the Cratchit children; Andy Elliff as the ghost of Jacob Marley; Nora Foster, Ryan Moenster and Tom Petrillo as the other ghosts and Amy Pennell, Amy Krieschok, Lori Wilson, Patrick Smallwood, Michale Lindsay, Megan Gibbs, Alicia Gaines, Chuck and Jenny Hill, Kristen Brawley, Tony Mell, Jake Kamphoefner, Karla Jones, Jack Moenster, Andy Ravanelli, Richard Skirball Jr. and Britney Bulva.

Other cast members are Jada Foster, Nicolas Jorgensen, Mark Wilson, John Caldera, Molly Caldera, Samantha DePew, Jacob Wilson and Ayla Odum.

The play is directed by Beverly Scroggins, speech and theater teacher at Granite City High School.

Tickets are \$7 for adults or \$4 for children attending with an adult and may be purchased by calling 451-1052.

Use holiday season to teach kids all about giving

Community service one way for children to learn about Christmas spirit

Adults often complain about how commercialized the holiday season has become without realizing what can be done to improve things.



Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

"It wasn't like this when we were kids," they say. The holiday season doesn't have to be so commercialized and self-centered for our children. Parents who use their authority wisely can have a powerful impact on creating a much healthier holiday experience for their children.

Here are some suggestions:

- Sit down with your children and review the blessings that grace your lives. Share your

thoughts and ask for theirs. Make a clear connection between the blessings you are grateful for and how you intend the holiday season to be a time for greater emphasis on family ties, spirituality and giving to others. Articulate your values and explain specific changes you intend to make.

Teach your children to focus on giving to others, especially those in need. Even young children can rake leaves, wrap packages, shovel snow or perform another chore to raise money to donate to nonprofit agencies.

If you can, arrange to match your children's contribution, perhaps at a ratio of 1:2 or even greater. This will give your children's work even greater significance.

Earning money for others provides tangible assistance to those in need, prevents children from getting caught up in the self-absorption of receiving and nurtures generosity of spirit.

Involve your children in

community service. Many churches and community organizations have opportunities for service children can take advantage of.

The collection and distribution of food, clothing and holiday gifts frequently intensifies this time of year, and volunteers are needed.

What can your children do for neighbors or friends who are elderly or infirm? Explain how their actions help others, and encourage them to feel good about it.

Focus on your family's spirituality. Emphasize the spiritual or religious dimensions of the holiday in accordance with your family's tradition.

If the religious significance of

your faith has become blurred by the heavy commercialization of the season, help your children understand the values you hold dear.

Limit gift-giving within your family and explain why. Let the commercial juggernaut roll on without you. When assaulted by such relentless emphasis on gift-giving and the powerful underlying message that we can measure our value to others by what they give to us, children begin to equate their importance to others with the cost of the presents they receive.

Clear guidelines will curb their unreasonable expectations and help maintain the focus on the important family and spiritual

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al values you are trying to promote.

Teach your children various ways to express their love. Discuss with them what they can do or make that other family members will appreciate. Even eliminating some annoying habits for the sake of others can be a meaningful gift.

When you make changes like these, do so with a positive attitude and communicate your reasons to your family. If you feel

enthusiastic about a new approach to the holidays, chances are that your children will, too.

With your help, your children can learn that doing the right things - for family, friends and those in need - can be fun as well as meaningful.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation.

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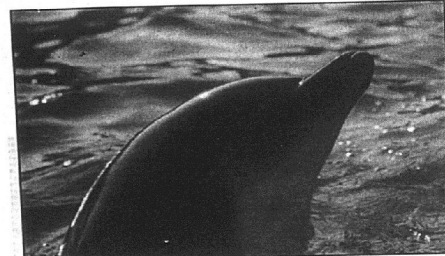
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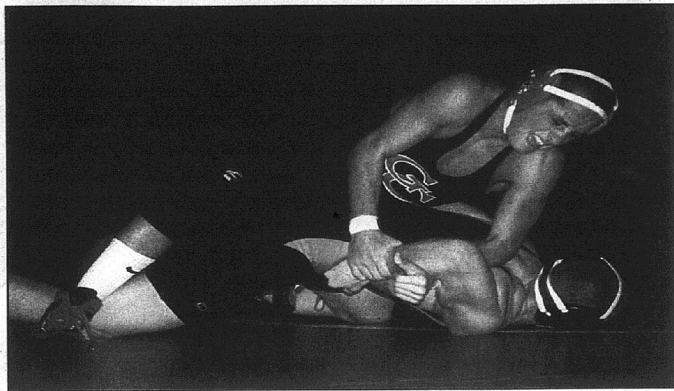
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Tigers end drought vs. Granite City



Granite City's Chad Wilson (top) grapples with Edwardsville's Ryan Starkey in Friday night's Southwestern Conference meet, won by the Tigers.

Edwardsville takes final bout for win; pins first loss of season on Warriors

By Steve Porter
Staff writer

Jerry Greenwood felt the weight of the prep wrestling world placed squarely on his shoulders Friday night at Granite City High School.

But the Edwardsville matman took it all in stride, pinning the first loss of the season on Granite City. Greenwood beat Jacob Janek of Granite City 10-6 in the final bout to give Edwardsville a 36-32 Southwestern Conference win over the Warriors. It was the first time the Tigers had defeated the Warriors in a dozen years.

"This is the most excitement I've ever seen for Edwardsville wrestling," Tigers coach John Wagner said.

Fans shook Greenwood's hand and patted him on the back while the Tigers joyously embraced him.

"It's just a tribute to our kids because we beat a team and a program that's awesome," Wagner said. "We've worked awfully hard for this."

Edwardsville was 4-0, while Granite City slipped to 3-1.

"Winning this match is something we've been pointing to and the coaches have been talking

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John Wagner
Edwardsville coach

about since the start of the season," said Greenwood, the Tigers' 215-pounder.

Greenwood and Granite City's Janek squared off at 275 in the winner-take-all match. The Tigers led 33-32 going into the action, so if Janek won, the Warriors won.

"It was a match that could have gone either way," Warriors coach Al Kirgan said.

Greenwood led early, but Janek tied things at 4-4 in the second period before Greenwood forged ahead 6-4 and never looked back.

"This is great," Greenwood said. "Although I don't know if I ever want to be in that position again."

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Duo does damage against Triad

Seniors May, Pistorius each score 21 as Granite City hits .500 mark

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Riding high after a big win, Granite City didn't let down against Triad, beating the Knights 69-55 at home Saturday night.

Granite City beat Southwestern Conference foe Edwardsville Friday night.

Seniors Matt Pistorius and Zack May each poured in 21 points. Against Edwardsville, the two seniors were held to 17 points combined.

"It isn't that they were due, they are going to have those nights," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "Last night they made our other players better. Our other players got points because of them again tonight. But they stepped up and made baskets. They did a good job."

Granite led 15-12 after one quarter and exploded in the second to lead 37-23 at the half. VanBuskirk's mandate to win one quarter at a time seemed ripe for fulfillment. But the Warriors delivered a taciturn 14-point third quarter and gave up eight points off their lead to Triad, which dumped in 22 points in the third stanza.

"I was upset about that," VanBuskirk said. "We stressed very hard that we had to win the third quarter. We thought it was an

"They came back and won the fourth quarter. They are understanding. They know the things that they have to do."

John VanBuskirk
Granite City coach

important quarter, and we didn't perform very well."

"But I give them credit. They came back and won the fourth quarter. They are understanding. They know the things that they have to do. I didn't have to be mad at them. They weren't happy with themselves. They know that they didn't do well. That's the part about it that I like. I don't have to scream and holler. They do a good job."

"Granite City has a very good basketball team," Triad coach Bob Sudhoff said. "May is a tremendous athlete. He is hard-nosed, he is real aggressive, and he is a good shooter. They use him to their advantage. Something with Pistorius. They have some kids on the perimeter who can shoot it. Pistorius is a good post player inside who can play in or

out. They are a handful to guard. I thought we made a run at them, but we just fell short."

The Warriors, who evened their record at 3-3, face Belleville West at home on Saturday.

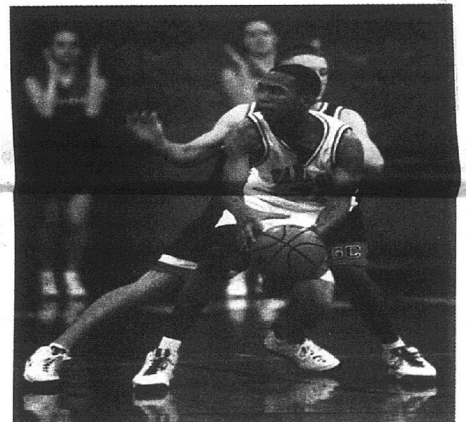
"They are a very good ballclub," VanBuskirk said. "They play very tough man-to-man defense, and so we are going to have to work real hard to be prepared for their defense."

Triad (0-5) faced Breese Central Tuesday before hosting Waterloo on Friday.

"Waterloo is the first Conference game, and we need a win," Sudhoff said. "We need a win in the conference to establish ourselves."

Granite City 69, Triad 55
12 11 22 10 - 55
15 22 14 18 - 69

TRIAD: Shawn Byrne 17, Aaron Edwards 16, Ian Evans 6, Jared Hayes 5, Mark Larsen 4, Kyle Sauerwein 3, Kyle Wiesemeyer 3. 2PT - 12, 3PT - 10, FT - 1.
GRANITE CITY: Zack May 21, Matt Pistorius 21, Justin Gray 12, Toddy Wallace 5, Brandon Smith 5, Tarrick Lawrence 2, Jon Slay 2. 2PT - 20, 3PT - 5, FT - 14.



Granite City's Brandon Wilson (31) looks to pass in a recent game. The Warriors are now 3-3 on the year.

Althoff's Gundlach, Scannell net top volleyball honors

Co-captains led Crusaders to 2nd place in Class AA tourney

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

As co-captains for the Althoff volleyball team this season, Emily Scannell and Suzanne Gundlach led the Crusaders to a second-place finish in the IHSA Class AA state tournament.

Now the senior duo is sharing another honor. Scannell and Gundlach have been named as Class AA Co-Players of the Year by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"They have definitely been leaders on the floor for the past couple years," said coach Kathy Wuller, who guided Althoff to a 33-6 record and its first state tournament appearance in 17 years. "Suzanne was the team captain last year, and they were co-captains this year."

"We wouldn't have been as successful as a team without either one of them. They had good supporting cast with (Senior) Stacy Sieben and every one else. Those will be hard shoes to fill next year."

Scannell, a 5-foot-10 setter, was a three-year varsity starter. "The setting position is not the most glamorous in the sport, but we wouldn't have accomplished what we did without Emily being able to do what she did with the ball," Wuller said.

"She completely took charge this year. She gained a lot of

All-Journal Class AA volleyball

First team
Erin Noble, Belleville West; Cindy McPeak, Belleville East; Christine Arnold, Belleville West; Stacy Sieben, Belleville East; Nickie Sanner, Belleville East.

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confidence over the summer. Her goal was to be a better leader, and she definitely did that."

Gundlach, a 5-9 outside hitter, was a four-year starter for Althoff.

"In crunch situations, Emily was confident in going to Suzanne," Wuller said.

"(Gundlach) has been a leader on the team the past two years and people respect her."

"She has a great attitude, she's very strong and she was pretty much unstoppable this year. She's a great all-around player - you name it, she did it all."

Althoff's road to the state tournament wasn't easy. The Crusaders had to beat Belleville West - a team it had lost to twice in the regular season - to claim the sectional championship. Wuller's squad then defeated nationally ranked Jacksonville in the super-section-

al. "We kept fighting, and we knew we could do it," Gundlach said. "We had confidence in each other and the coaching staff and our parents all helped us. We had great fan support."

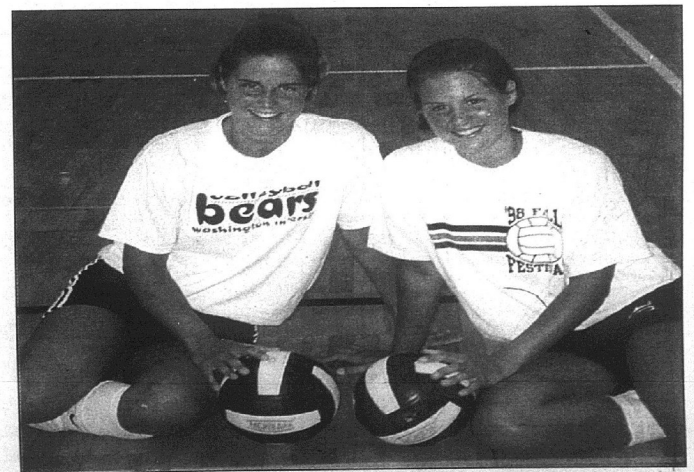
At state, Althoff defeated Arlington Heights Hersey and Quincy before losing in the championship match to Downers Grove South.

"The silver medal ceremony was very emotional," Scannell said. "In the back of your mind, you're thinking about what is really going on. When we hugged, it was kind of rough. I'll definitely never forget that."

The girls, who are best friends, have given verbal commitments to play Division I volleyball at Southeast Missouri State University. The official signing date is in early February.

"We committed about a week after the state tournament," Scannell said. "SEMO was the one who called us all along and sent us e-mails. They were very true to us."

"We feel really comfortable there, and the girls (on the volleyball team) are so nice," Gundlach said. "We've played together since sixth grade, and we also joked about going (to college) together, but they didn't recruit us as a package. That's just the way it happened."



Althoff's Suzanne Gundlach (left) and Emily Scannell have given a verbal commitment to play volleyball at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I school.

Sports

DOBB'S Cardinals Team of the Week

Unbeaten again

The Butzinger Builders Atom II soccer team completed its third consecutive unbeaten season in the Belle-Clair Soccer League, finishing 11-0-1 in each of the last three years. Members of the team pictured above (from left) are: In front - Samuel Maul, Jared Shilling, Wyatt Driscoll, Thomas Gallaher, Chad Weber, Ryan Birkner; Middle - Brett Friedman, Ryan Hoercher, Zach Parson, Chris Luebbens and Sam Klosterman; In back - Andy Morton, coach Terry Gallaher, Alex Schober, coach Randy Hoercher and Collin McPeak. Not pictured: coach Matt Klosterman.

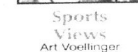


Youth football is alive and well

Local programs grab stage with annual Pilgrim Bowl

I never want to hear another negative comment about little league football.

You see, I'm captured. I'm sold on pre-high school football, especially if it contributes to making the prep game equal to what it once was in southwestern Illinois.



Sports Art Voelinger

Follow the action - as I did - at the recent Pilgrim Bowl and you can do nothing but admire the work of the players and coaches of the boys from ages 6 through 13.

If someone thinks fundamentals are not being taught, they should have toured with me as I saw fewer illegal procedure penalties during Thanksgiving Day games than if I were watching the pros.

Here's a tip of my hat to the Little League board of directors and longtime coach Rick Buehler of Belleville, whose invite brought teams from as far away as Calgary, Canada. The event included 25 organizations and 72 games with the Little Knights and other Tri-County League teams serving as hosts for games in Belleville, Fairview Heights and Collinsville.

"This is so much fun," said a mother whose 11-year-old son was playing for one of the Bensenville Bandits teams from the Chicago area. "He had never played tackle football before, but he really has enjoyed this season and then getting to take this trip."

While each player and team received a plaque for participating, memories of the Pilgrim Bowl should serve as a reminder that football is a big team - even in southwestern Illinois.

Overtime
When it comes to digesting the recent Illinois High School Association state football playoffs, it is obvious there was more to complain about than the 0-9 record for southwestern Illinois teams.

What's the rationale for having champion Chicago Mount Carmel and Chicago Heights Maran - teams from the Chicago Catholic Metro Blue Conference - play for the Class 5A title?

Mount Carmel won 38-7 against Maran in the regular season (on Sept. 17) and emerged a 31-7 winner at Champaign.

Was it so long ago that coaches from Chicago were screaming about the edge private schools had?

Personnel changes
Retirements in the Illinois High School Association have led to personnel additions, including that of Anthony Holman, a 26-year-old Lockport native who is the first African-American IHSA executive assistant in the 99-year history of the organization. Holman's duties will include running the state tournaments in baseball, softball and boys and girls golf. The Augustana College graduate referred to changes he has seen since his high school days.

"Street agents ... mass media ... kids more arrogant, less respectful and not just playing for school spirit or to be involved in activities but looking for a college scholarship or pro career."

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Tigers trample East St. Louis in event

Edwardsville plays controlled game despite off-court drama

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It was called "Keep Hoop Alive," a winter basketball tournament held at the Saint Charles (Mo.) Family Arena. But for the Edwardsville girls, the event couldn't match the drama off the court.

Tigers coach Bud Vaino suffered a mild heart attack Nov. 30 but was back in time to man the bench of Edwardsville's 50-31 victory against East St. Louis Sunday night.

The Tigers were also missing the services of Erin Gusewelle, who has been nursing an ankle injury since early November.

Edwardsville still didn't miss a

beat. "I think the big thing that we had to do was to establish a game without emotion," Vaino said. "We have so many young kids, even though we have some experience. But we had to take the emotion out of the game, because when we have problems it is usually in dealing with our emotions."

"We knew it was going to be physical, and we have sometimes struggled with that as well. But the kids adapted well. We knew that they wanted to come after us hard so we wanted to run the offense pretty well. We got a lot of dunk doors and did the things that we were supposed to do."

The Tigers led by nine at the half and by 21 after three quarters.

"I think we played wonderfully, considering the fact that we are a very

young team," said Edwardsville point guard Jessica Stephens. "We have one senior (Gusewelle) who is out with an injury, and then we have another senior who really stepped up for us. But most of us are sophomores and juniors and this was a big win for us. Last year East Side killed us, and we know that this is one of the teams that we have to beat this year to win (the Southwestern) Conference."

"I think we really stepped up and played as a team and handled the ball well, moved the ball well. That's the only way you can be successful. They played hard too, but I think we wanted it a lot more than they did and I think we played a lot more as a team than they did."

Lindsay Anderson led the Tigers with 14 points. Melissa Titsworth knocked in 10.

"We didn't establish much of an inside game, but they didn't really allow us to do that," Vaino said. "We have to give them credit for that. Defensively, on the outside perimeter, we did exactly what we wanted to do. We took most of their offense away from them on the

perimeter. "The main thing that we had to do was to keep on moving. We did a lot of running, and we had to keep them moving as well. Basically we were pleased with what we did because we knew that if they got us in a half-court game, we would be in trouble because we couldn't handle all of the big people they had inside. Our kids played well, and with all the circumstances of this week, I was well-pleased with it."

The Tigers rose to 3-0 with the victory.

"We got off to a miserable start," said a dejected Coach Charles McDonald of 0-4 East St. Louis. "We didn't execute, we didn't play well offensively, we didn't play well defensively. The thing you could say about Edwardsville is that they executed and they did what they had to do. We basically were out of the game mentally. We just didn't do a good job whatsoever."

The Flyers - who lost last year's stalwart pair of Rita Adams and Lakesha Clay to graduation - finally got off the ground in the fourth quarter. But it was too late to catch the streak-

ing Tigers. "We actually just started running the offense," McDonald said. "Up to that point we didn't execute. We should have found ourselves by the fourth game of the season. We are just going to continue to work hard and try to do the things that are necessary and try to find the right combinations. This is a young ball club, and we only have one starter from last year (Lutesia Davis), and she came on late as a freshman. As the season goes on, hopefully we will be able to mesh."

Edwardsville 50, East St. Louis 31

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East St. Louis: Lutesia Davis 12, Taniel Hamilton 11, Darisha Amerson 2, Michelle Brown 2, Ronessa Clay 2, Kristin King 2.

Edwardsville: Lindsay Anderson 14, Melissa Titsworth 10, Julie Brown 7, Rachel Ferre 7, Lauren McGraw 5, Kara Carroll 3, Karla Schweitzer 2, Jessica Stephens 2.

Flyers show many weapons against CHS

Miles scores 35 but Gilbert, Hughes also reach double figures for East St. Louis

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

East St. Louis proved its team features more than just Darius Miles on Friday night at Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium in Collinsville.

Miles put on a show with 35 points, 16 rebounds and six blocked shots in the Flyers' 81-58 Southwestern Conference triumph.

However, Phillip Gilbert was impressive with 20 points, including a pair of dunks, and Leonard Hughes chipped in with 10.

"Nobody really cares about who is scoring the points or who does this or who does that," Miles said. "If the points come, they come."

Miles' early tip-in enthused the crowd of more than 3,000 but Gilbert's dunk at 3:41 of the first quarter sparked the Flyers.

"Now we have Phillip dunking the ball," Miles said. "If I don't dunk it, Phil is going to dunk it. I like seeing people like Phillip dunk it. I like anybody dunking except for me. I like seeing other people on my team dunk the ball. Last year, Phil didn't want to dunk it like he is now. Everybody is expecting me to get the game hyped up with a dunk. If I don't dunk in the game, they (the fans) just say the game is all right."

The Flyers improved to 4-1 and displayed more balance Sunday with a 59-54 victory against Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeMet Jesuit High at the Fullcourt Classic at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Miles scored 24 points against

the defending state champions of Collinsville Class 4A while Robert added 14 points and Hughes reached double figures with 12.

"(Robert) LaBon has got to give us more rebounds and some more points inside. He is not doing that right now," Flyers coach Bennie Lewis said after the Collinsville game. "Our system is a little new to him. When he played JV, he played out on the point but now he has got to play underneath the basket and he has got to get used to doing that."

Miles believes the Flyers supporting cast is important to the team's state title hopes. He thinks will be the play of guards Edward White and DeMarco Smith, who transferred to East Side from Belleville West.

"We are better than we were last year," Miles said. "We have got two point guards that can start. They are taking turns. Some people are saying DeMarco (Smith) transferred from (Belleville) West and he ain't starting and they are saying this and that. Everybody is going to say what they are saying, but we know the truth."

That's why DeMarco ain't saying anything because he knows the truth. He knows that Eddie (White) is a point guard and he can't stop that. When you have two really good point guards, what can you really do about that, but let them take turns starting? They share the minutes. Whoever starts plays the

first and third quarters. Whoever comes in plays the second and fourth quarters. Both of them get the same minutes. There is no complaining coming from them. You ask Marco and he'll say he feels good at East Side instead of West. This team we have now, I think we can win state."

The Flyers' impressive victory against Collinsville had Kahoks coach Bob Bone perplexed about ways to stop East Side.

"They have got so many weapons I don't know how you guard them," Bone said. "If you can't collapse on Miles because they have got guys that can shoot from the outside. (Our) half court is not the problem. They get up and down the court so fast it makes them hard to stop."

Belleville West faces the Flyers 8 p.m. Friday. The Flyers will have another marquee matchup Dec. 17 at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis when they play Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC, which won the Pattonville Tournament in Maryland Heights, Mo., this past weekend.

"We probably have one of the toughest schedules in the state, especially our non-league games," said Lewis, whose team also will play 1999 Missouri state runner-up Vashon in January. "This is helping us so if we do go deep into the playoffs this will help us quite a bit whether we win or lose."

Mies steals show in contest vs. DeMet

Senior records 24 points, 10 boards, 10 blocks

By Steve Porter
Staff writer

Darius Miles, as expected, stole the show Sunday at the first Fullcourt Classic.

Edwardsville on Dec. 18, when the Flyers battle the Tigers in a SWC contest.

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Warriors can't pin down win vs. Tigers

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Wagner tried to make it as painless as possible. He juggled the lineup near the end of the match, inserting Mark Goodman at 189 and moving top grappler Joe Bevis to 215. Greenwood didn't find out until just before his bout that he was getting bumped up to 275 in place of Mike McLean.

"The great thing was that I didn't have a lot of time to think about it," Greenwood said.

Wagner said, "Jerry did a great job for us and so did Jamey Hartley when he came back to win at 145 pounds."

Hartley's win ignited the Tigers, who trailed 20-9 before his bout. Hartley fell behind 5-1 in the third period, then turned the tables on the Warriors Jim

Treake, pinning him in 5:19.

"The great thing about Jamey is that he's never out of a match," Wagner said.

Kirgan figured the Warriors could have cornered the Tigers if Hartley hadn't prevailed.

"We had won five of six matches before that one, so it changed the momentum," Kirgan said. "And it turned out to be a nine-point swing. Instead of us losing the series, (the Tigers) got six points."

Chris McLean (103), Colin Munro (140), Jacob Greco (152), Brad Griffiths (160), and Joe Bevis (215) also posted wins for the Tigers. McLean pinned Sheldon Murphy in 35 seconds. Munro's 7-3 decision over Dino Clifford came after the Warriors had built a 20-6 lead. Bevis won by forfeit.

"As long as we won, I didn't care that I didn't get to wrestle," Bevis said. "Coach did what he had to do."

"I was a little surprised that they were trying to avoid the Grammer-Bevis matchup, or the Greenwood-Janeek matchup, since Greenwood ranked second at 215 pounds," Kirgan said. "After young Janeek took it to Greenwood, I can see why they may have wanted to avoid that matchup."

The Warriors had better luck on Saturday when they beat Bloomington (43-32), Pekin (42-20), and Morton (45-8).

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Alton		PTS <td>2FG<td>FGA<td>3FG<td>FGA<td>FT<td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	2FG <td>FGA<td>3FG<td>FGA<td>FT<td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	FGA <td>3FG<td>FGA<td>FT<td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	3FG <td>FGA<td>FT<td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	FGA <td>FT<td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td></td>	FT <td>FTA<td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td></td>	FTA <td>FLST<td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td></td>	FLST <td>AST<td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td></td>	AST <td>OFD<td>FN<td>BNK</td></td></td>	OFD <td>FN<td>BNK</td></td>	FN <td>BNK</td>	BNK
Danesh Snipes		30	10	14	0	0	2	10	4	0	1	5	1
Blaine Everage		10	3	4	1	2	1	2	3	6	1	4	1
Tom Lacey		10	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Patrick Mays		9	3	8	0	0	3	4	0	3	1	1	0
James Mayo		9	1	1	1	1	7	2	2	0	0	0	0
Chris Thompson		6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1
Ryan Everage		4	2	5	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	3	2
Nelson Baker		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Pace		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jody Harris		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Smith		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Stalker		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Stockard		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		78	21	29	4	5	10	15	22	11	11	6	2

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East St. Louis 81, Collinsville 58															
East St. Louis	19	17	21	18	17	21	18	17	21	18	17	21	18	17	21
Collinsville	10	14	12	10	14	12	10	14	12	10	14	12	10	14	12
East St. Louis	PTS	20	FGA	12	3FG	3FA	FT	FTS	FLST	LAST	OFD	TD	TN	KB	
Darius Moore	35	15	22	0	0	5	7	2	4	4	10	14	2	10	
Philip Gilbert	20	7	8	2	4	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	
Demetrius Hughes	16	7	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	
Demetrius Smith	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	3	4
Robert Labian	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Edward White	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	
Tyronne Sibus	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Devin Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Charles Moore	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mathias Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Keith Gray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Herbert Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Gregory Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Andre Travis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Demetrius Inghip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	81	35	47	2	7	5	9	15	11	24	14	25	12	17	1

Collinsville	PTS	2G	FGA	3G	3FA	FT	FTA	FLTS	AST	OP	DP	TN	BL
Tony Tardito	22	0	0	6	4	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.J. Barnes	15	2	5	3	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Holmes	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Holmes	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick DeZio	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Barnes	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cory Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Erickson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travis Albrecht	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hayden Cole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E.J. Fife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Gutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Hegan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Peters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Volmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Wintersch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	50	3	9	10	10	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Dec 4										
	Cahokia 57, Venice 51										
Cahokia	8	17	11	21	-	57					
Venice	13	10	13	15	=	51					
Cahokia	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FLST	LST	OFDF	TN B
Jackson	15	3	9	0	2	3	8	1	0	0	0
Gordon	12	3	9	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Piggam	10	4	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0
Lewallen	7	2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	0	0
Edwards	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James	5	2	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
Wright	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wells	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	57	18	0	2	0	15	31	16	0	0	0	0

Vehicle	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FL	STL	AST	OFDD	TN	BK
LaRon Cole	19	7	9	3	1	2	5	4	2	8	5	2	0
John Chatman	12	6	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	0
Sammie Edwards	6	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Roberts	5	2	6	0	6	1	2	4	3	3	0	0	1
Quinton Miller	4	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	2
Wilton Davis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Aaron Hamilton	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Kennedy	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tchikalovsky Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walterton Matthews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Sherrod	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Strathour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	58	28	44	3	10	3	25	12	9	13	11	10	0

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						Granite City 49, Edwardsville 48
Granite City	10	14	10	15	-	49
Edwardsville	7	11	16	14	-	48

Granite City	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	BLK	AST	STL	OPFG	TRB	TK
James Tapp	10	5	9	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Zack May	9	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Phipps	8	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Todd Wallace	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Justin Smith	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Franko	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Kelsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tarrick Lawrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy MacTaggart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boobby Rider	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Slay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	13	0	4	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0

Edwardsville	PTS	2PT	FG	3PT	FTA	FLSTAST	OFFD	TN BK
Matt Riach	16	6	7	0	4	4	3	2
Matt Alliana	14	3	2	4	2	4	5	1
Doug Shapiro	12	3	4	6	3	4	2	5
Taylor O'Bryan	3	0	1	5	0	3	1	2
Aaron Cowan	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Travis Evans	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1
Dave Romani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kat Harmon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kai Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan McNabney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steven Pfeiffer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Rimmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Shaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dec. 4
Gibault 83, Lebanon 56

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Labelator	PS	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	32nd	33rd	34th	35th	36th	37th	38th	39th	40th	41st	42nd	43rd	44th	45th	46th	47th	48th	49th	50th	51st	52nd	53rd	54th	55th	56th	57th	58th	59th	60th	61st	62nd	63rd	64th	65th	66th	67th	68th	69th	70th	71st	72nd	73rd	74th	75th	76th	77th	78th	79th	80th	81st	82nd	83rd	84th	85th	86th	87th	88th	89th	90th	91st	92nd	93rd	94th	95th	96th	97th	98th	99th	100th	101st	102nd	103rd	104th	105th	106th	107th	108th	109th	110th	111th	112th	113th	114th	115th	116th	117th	118th	119th	120th	121st	122nd	123rd	124th	125th	126th	127th	128th	129th	130th	131st	132nd	133rd	134th	135th	136th	137th	138th	139th	140th	141st	142nd	143rd	144th	145th	146th	147th	148th	149th	150th	151st	152nd	153rd	154th	155th	156th	157th	158th	159th	160th	161st	162nd	163rd	164th	165th	166th	167th	168th	169th	170th	171st	172nd	173rd	174th	175th	176th	177th	178th	179th	180th	181st	182nd	183rd	184th	185th	186th	187th	188th	189th	190th	191st	192nd	193rd	194th	195th	196th	197th	198th	199th	200th	201st	202nd	203rd	204th	205th	206th	207th	208th	209th	210th	211st	212nd	213rd	214th	215th	216th	217th	218th	219th	220th	221st	222nd	223rd	224th	225th	226th	227th	228th	229th	230th	231st	232nd	233rd	234th	235th	236th	237th	238th	239th	240th	241st	242nd	243rd	244th	245th	246th	247th	248th	249th	250th	251st	252nd	253rd	254th	255th	256th	257th	258th	259th	260th	261st	262nd	263rd	264th	265th	266th	267th	268th	269th	270th	271st	272nd	273rd	274th	275th	276th	277th	278th	279th	280th	281st	282nd	283rd	284th	285th	286th	287th	288th	289th	290th	291st	292nd	293rd	294th	295th	296th	297th	298th	299th	300th	301st	302nd	303rd	304th	305th	306th	307th	308th	309th	310th	311st	312nd	313rd	314th	315th	316th	317th	318th	319th	320th	321st	322nd	323rd	324th	325th	326th	327th	328th	329th	330th	331st	332nd	333rd	334th	335th	336th	337th	338th	339th	340th	341st	342nd	343rd	344th	345th	346th	347th	348th	349th	350th	351st	352nd	353rd	354th	355th	356th	357th	358th	359th	360th	361st	362nd	363rd	364th	365th	366th	367th	368th	369th	370th	371st	372nd	373rd	374th	375th	376th	377th	378th	379th	380th	381st	382nd	383rd	384th	385th	386th	387th	388th	389th	390th	391st	392nd	393rd	394th	395th	396th	397th	398th	399th	400th	401st	402nd	403rd	404th	405th	406th	407th	408th	409th	410th	411st	412nd	413rd	414th	415th	416th	417th	418th	419th	420th	421st	422nd	423rd	424th	425th	426th	427th	428th	429th	430th	431st	432nd	433rd	434th	435th	436th	437th	438th	439th	440th	441st	442nd	443rd	444th	445th	446th	447th	448th	449th	450th	451st	452nd	453rd	454th	455th	456th	457th	458th	459th	460th	461st	462nd	463rd	464th	465th	466th	467th	468th	469th	470th	471st	472nd	473rd	474th	475th	476th	477th	478th	479th	480th	481st	482nd	483rd	484th	485th	486th	487th	488th	489th	490th	491st	492nd	493rd	494th	495th	496th	497th	498th	499th	500th	501st	502nd	503rd	504th	505th	506th	507th	508th	509th	510th	511st	512nd	513rd	514th	515th	516th	517th	518th	519th	520th	521st	522nd	523rd	524th	525th	526th	527th	528th	529th	530th	531st	532nd	533rd	534th	535th	536th	537th	538th	539th	540th	541st	542nd	543rd	544th	545th	546th	547th	548th	549th	550th	551st	552nd	553rd	554th	555th	556th	557th	558th	559th	560th	561st	562nd	563rd	564th	565th	566th	567th	568th	569th	570th	571st	572nd	573rd	574th	575th	576th	577th	578th	579th	580th	581st	582nd	583rd	584th	585th	586th	587th	588th	589th	590th	591st	592nd	593rd	594th	595th	596th	597th	598th	599th	600th	601st	602nd	603rd	604th	605th	606th	607th	608th	609th	610th	611st	612nd	613rd	614th	615th	616th	617th	618th	619th	620th	621st	622nd	623rd	624th	625th	626th	627th	628th	629th	630th	631st	632nd	633rd	634th	635th	636th	637th	638th	639th	640th	641st	642nd	643rd	644th	645th	646th	647th	648th	649th	650th	651st	652nd	653rd	654th	655th	656th	657th	658th	659th	660th	661st	662nd	663rd	664th	665th	666th	667th	668th	669th	670th	671st	672nd	673rd	674th	675th	676th	677th	678th	679th	680th	681st	682nd	683rd	684th	685th	686th	687th	688th	689th	690th	691st	692nd	693rd	694th	695th	696th	697th	698th	699th	700th	701st	702nd	703rd	704th	705th	706th	707th	708th	709th	710th	711st	712nd	713rd	714th	715th	716th	717th	718th	719th	720th	721st	722nd	723rd	724th	725th	726th	727th	728th	729th	730th	731st	732nd	733rd	734th	735th	736th	737th	738th	739th	740th	741st	742nd	743rd	744th	745th	746th	747th	748th	749th	750th	751st	752nd	753rd	754th	755th	756th	757th	758th	759th	760th	761st	762nd	763rd	764th	765th	766th	767th	768th	769th	770th	771st	772nd	773rd	774th	775th	776th	777th	778th	779th	780th	781st	782nd	783rd	784th	785th	786th	787th	788th	789th	790th	791st	792nd	793rd	794th	795th	796th	797th	798th	799th	800th	801st	802nd	803rd	804th	805th	806th	807th	808th	809th	810th	811st	812nd	813rd	814th	815th	816th	817th	818th	819th	820th	821st	822nd	823rd	824th	825th	826th	827th	828th	829th	830th	831st	832nd	833rd	834th	835th	836th	837th	838th	839th	840th	841st	842nd	843rd	844th	845th	846th	847th	848th	849th	850th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Gobby Wagner	16	4	11	1	3	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						

Totals	56	19	51	4	11	6	9	21	2	5	8	15	17	4
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Dec. 4
Granite City 69, Triad 55

Triad	12	11	22	10	-	68													
Granite City	15	22	14	18	-	69													

Triad	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FLSTL	AST	OFDF	TN	BK
Granite City	17	7	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0

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Totals	69	20	34	5	8	14	16	14	10	14	9	18	10
	<div style="text-align:center;">Dec. 3 Madison 53, Berkeley (Mo.) 52</div>												
Madison	6	6	17	24	-	53							
Berkeley	17	8	8	19	-	52							

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Berkley	PTS	2P	3P	4P	FT	PTS	2P	3P	4P	FT
Bernard Williams	12	3	5	0	6	12	4	3	2	3
Walter Davis	11	4	8	0	6	12	4	3	1	8
Clarence Jackson	3	1	2	0	1	2	3	4	0	4
Maurice Stewart	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Andrew Davis	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	3
Charles Carter	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	0
Brian McCaffrey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alonzo McGlendon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Johnnie Brown	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Williams	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herman Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthew White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	52	16	32	0	4	20	36	31	12	8

	Nov. 30					
	Alton Marquette 69, Valmeyer 63					
Alton Marquette	10	19	21	19	-	69
Valmeyer	13	15	19	16	-	63

Alon Marquette	5	2FG	FGA	3FG	FGA	FT	FTA	FLTLAST	OPFD	TN	BN
Mark Costa	28	6	11	4	9	4	7	2	1	2	2
James Gardner	13	5	9	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	2
Tim Barmore	10	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Woodard	12	6	14	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2
Jeff DeBartolo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Bert DeSoucey	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	2
Fred Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Clowers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dave Fitzgerald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Gaudin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Heiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Hopkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Scagnola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drew Whelan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	66	31	66	13	26	13	16	13	6	12	12

Player	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FLST	LAST	OFFP	DEF	TN	B
Volmeyer	26	3	10	12	12	9	9	2	2	2	0	4	4
Wulch	17	3	14	1	7	8	9	2	2	0	0	4	2
Duffy	9	3	9	0	3	4	2	2	0	2	3	8	0
Taylor	9	3	9	0	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	3	0
Hochmann	8	2	16	3	8	3	2	3	1	0	2	2	4
Birk	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	1	0
Mueller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Rippelmeyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Klinger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	63	12	41	8	24	15	17	16	4	17	8	19	17

Girls standings

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Boys standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Upcoming MVCHA games

DATE	TIME	RINK	HOME	AWAY
Dec. 9	7:30	EA	Edwardsville	Granite City
Dec. 11	4:30	FA	Belleville West	Channah
Dec. 11	5:15	CA	Columbia	Southwestern
Dec. 11	5:30	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville
Dec. 12	5:45	FA	Mascoutah	Freeburg
Dec. 12	6:45	EA	Marquette	Belleville East
Dec. 12	7:15	FA	Columbia	Roxana
Dec. 12	8:15	FA	Jerseyville	Southwestern
Dec. 13	6:45	FA	Mascoutah	Waterloo
Dec. 14	6:45	FA	Belleville West	Edwardsville
Dec. 15	7:00	EA	Roxana	Mascoutah
Dec. 16	8:15	GO	Granite City	Channah
Dec. 16	7:30	FA	Freeburg	O'Fallon
Dec. 18	4:30	FA	Columbia	Channah
Dec. 18	5:15	CA	Channah	Freeburg
Dec. 18	5:30	FA	Alton	Belleville East
Dec. 18	6:00	FA	Highland	Highland
Dec. 19	5:45	FA	Waterloo	Waterloo
Dec. 19	6:45	FA	Belleville East	Belleville East
Dec. 19	7:15	FA	Belleville East	O'Fallon
Dec. 19	8:15	FA	Marquette	Columbia
Dec. 20	6:45	FA	Freeburg	O'Fallon
Dec. 21	6:45	FA	Alton	Channah
Dec. 22	5:45	FA	Roxana	Jerseyville

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Fall all-SWC honors

Southwestern Conference all-conference volleyball

First team

Erin Noble, Belleville West, junior;
Christina Archibald, Belleville West, junior;
Amelia Jackson, Belleville East, senior;
Nicole Shoger, Edwardsville, senior; Mansa
Moises, Alton, senior; Jessica Duckworth,
Collinsville, senior.

Second team

Lashonda Chapman, Alton, sophomore;
Dreanna Murphy, Belleville East, junior;
Stacey Deluca, Collinsville, senior; Lari
Vandross, Belleville West, senior; Tiffany
Drazer, Edwardsville, senior; Nickie Santin,
Belleville East, junior.

Honorable mention

Lashonda Chapman, Alton, sophomore;
Dreanna Murphy, Belleville East, junior;
Ashley Dapovich, Granite City, junior; Shelly
Smith, Belleville West, senior; Kristin King,
East St. Louis, senior; Kendra Landon,
Belleville West, senior; Sara Jones,
Edwardsville, senior.

Southwestern Conference all-conference boys soccer

First team

Field players - Dylan Bechtold, Alton,
junior; Ryan Goette, Belleville East, senior;
Kevin Sanguio, Belleville West, senior; Kris
Hall, Collinsville, senior; Joe McClary,
Collinsville, senior; Luke Kreamalmayer,
Edwardsville, junior; Matt Arrip,
Edwardsville, senior; Brandon Gayler,
Edwardsville, senior; Mike Smith, Granite
City, junior; Jared McMillan, Granite City,
senior.

Goalkeeper - Justin Roehr, Granite City, senior.

Southwestern Conference all-conference football

First team offense

Quarterback - Matt Alana, Edwardsville,
senior.

Running back - Travis Evans, Edwardsville, senior; Eric Stewart, Collinsville, senior; Gulliver Davis, Belleville West, sophomore.

Quarterback - Zach Woolley, Alton, junior.

Running back - Dorell Harrell, East
St. Louis, senior; Dennis Sanford, Belleville
East, junior.

Receiver - Aaron Skeppick, Edwardsville, junior; Terence Hobson, Belleville East, senior; Jarred Dacheister, Belleville West, senior.

Tackle - Jason Brown, Belleville West, senior; Josh Joshi, Belleville West, senior; Matt Carlson, Collinsville, senior; Mike Bunk, Belleville East, senior.

Guard - Sean Brown, East St. Louis, senior; Nathan Bowles, Edwardsville, senior; Fred Layne, Granite City, junior.

Center - Ryan Walsh, Edwardsville, sophomore.

Placekicker - Brad Bender, Belleville East, senior.

Second team defense

Defensive backs - Brad Bady, Belleville West, senior; Herschel Hollingsworth, East St. Louis, junior; Kevin Anderson, East St. Louis, senior; Demetrius Coates,

Jan. 8	4:30	FA	Belleville East	Belleville East
Jan. 8	5:15	CA	Channah	Channah
Jan. 8	5:30	FA	Southwestern	Southwestern
Jan. 8	6:00	FA	Highland	Highland
Jan. 9	5:45	FA	Columbia	Columbia
Jan. 9	6:45	FA	Marquette	Marquette
Jan. 9	8:15	EA	EAWR	EAWR
Jan. 10	6:45	FA	Triad	Triad
Jan. 11	6:45	FA	Freeburg	Freeburg
Jan. 12	7:00	EA	Alton	Alton
Jan. 12	8:15	GO	Granite City	O'Fallon
Jan. 13	7:30	EA	Belleville East	Belleville East
Jan. 15	4:30	FA	Belleville West	Belleville West
Jan. 15	5:15	CA	Channah	Channah
Jan. 15	5:30	FA	Marquette	Marquette
Jan. 15	6:00	FA	Belleville East	Belleville East
Jan. 16	5:15	CA	Channah	Channah
Jan. 16	5:45	FA	Waterloo	Waterloo
Jan. 16	6:15	FA	Southwestern	Southwestern
Jan. 16	7:15	FA	O'Fallon	O'Fallon
Jan. 17	6:45	FA	Collinsville	Collinsville
Jan. 18	6:45	FA	Belleville East	Belleville East
Jan. 19	7:00	EA	Alton	Alton
Jan. 19	8:15	GO	Southwestern	Southwestern
Jan. 20	7:30	EA	Highland	Highland
Jan. 22	4:30	FA	Triad	Triad
Jan. 22	5:15	CA	Channah	Channah
Jan. 22	5:30	FA	Belleville West	Belleville West
Jan. 22	6:00	FA	Belleville West	Belleville West
Jan. 23	6:45	FA	EAWR	EAWR
Jan. 23	7:15	FA	Belleville West	Belleville West
Jan. 23	8:15	EA	Southwestern	Southwestern

(All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted. Rinks: FA - Fairview Heights; EA - East Alton; GO - Granite City; CA - Channah.)

Edwardsville, senior; Kyle Stephens, Belleville East, senior; Linebackers - Kyle Montgomery, Belleville East, junior; Brett senior; Belleville West, junior; Dorell Harrell, East St. Louis, senior; J. Ziegler, Edwardsville, senior; Darrell Luster, Edwardsville, junior; George Kirgan, Granite City, senior; Jason Evenden, Granite City, junior; A.J. Vassar, Alton, senior.

Defensive line - Mike Bujnak, Belleville East, senior; Dave Staff, Belleville East, senior; Brad O'Donnell, Belleville West, senior; Larry Darnell, Collinsville, junior; Eric Wehrhoff, Granite City, senior.

Honorable mention

Quarterback - Brad Bennett, Belleville East, senior; Chris Davis, Belleville West, Kendall Lyons, East St. Louis, senior; Derek LeMaster, Collinsville, senior; Running back - J.R. Ziegler, Edwardsville, senior; Eddie Austin, Belleville West, senior; Jared Wells, East St. Louis, senior; Darwin Jones, East St. Louis, senior.

Receiver - Alonzo Nelson, East St. Louis; Kendrick Nease, East St. Louis; Pat Morris, Alton, senior.

Defensive back - Jon Sones, Edwardsville; Richard Nease, Belleville East; Bobby Daniels, East St. Louis, senior; Collinsville; Andy Staffor, Alton; M.J. Beaber, Alton; Pat Jamman, Granite City.

Defensive back - Jon Sones, Edwardsville; Jason Munier, Belleville East; Chris Calhoun, Belleville East; Brad Bender, Belleville East; Anthony Maguire, East St. Louis; Alvin Poles, East St. Louis; Brad Hazenwender, Alton.

Linebacker - Charlie Jennings, East St. Louis; Brad Bacher, Collinsville; Myron Bacher, Collinsville.

Defensive line - Billy Bollinger, Belleville West; Tom Haynes, Belleville West; Terrence Shaw, East St. Louis; Donnan Horton, East St. Louis; Antwan Seimond, East St. Louis; Ryan Buehler, Collinsville; Diane Thomas, Alton; Shawn O'Dell, Granite City; Jeff Harsh, Granite City; Justin York, Granite City.

Southwestern Conference all-conference girls golf

First team

Singles - Lisa Farquhar, Belleville West, junior; Chissy Yngst, Belleville West, junior; Lindsay Bishop, Belleville East, freshman; Lauren Schmidt, Edwardsville, sophomore.

Doubles - Devin Foy (junior) and Rebecca Wendel (senior), Belleville East; Lo Hess (senior) and Amber Raymond (senior), Belleville East; Crystal Anderson (sophomore) and Karyn Romani (sophomore), Edwardsville.

Honorable mention

Aly Martin, Alton, senior; Chrissy DeLo, Belleville East, senior; Emily Guest, Belleville East, junior; Erin Humes, Belleville East, senior; Dawn Ruster, Belleville West, senior; Tonia Cole, Belleville West, senior; Malrice Leroy, Collinsville, senior; Andrea Moore, Collinsville, sophomore; Katie Stuffs, Collinsville, junior; Jill Weile, Collinsville, junior; Kathryn Isom, Julie LeMaster, Collinsville, senior; Beth Sobold, Granite City, senior.

Garry Cappel, Alton, freshman; Laura Croft, Collinsville, senior; Dana Marghono, Edwardsville, sophomore; Brooke Pellock, Edwardsville, senior; Kaitie Hender, Belleville West, junior; Kelly Wehling, Edwardsville, junior.

Second team

Maureen Cassin, Belleville West, senior; Amanda Kinsey, Collinsville, senior; Elle McMurry, Alton, senior; Melissa Pfaffler, Edwardsville, junior; Erica Weible, Belleville West, sophomore.

Honorable mention

Sarah Blake, Edwardsville, junior; Michelle Block, Edwardsville, sophomore; Kelley Connett, Alton, senior; Whitney Cox, Alton, senior; Katie Kwok, Belleville East, freshman; Amanda Wobbe, Belleville West, senior.

Southwestern Conference all-conference boys golf

First team

David Butler, Alton, senior; Brett Brigg, Granite City, senior; Chris Eddy, Belleville East, senior; Brent Holmes, Edwardsville, sophomore; C.J. Smith, Belleville West, sophomore; C.J. Smith, Belleville West, senior.

Second team

Mark Donovan, Belleville East, freshman; Brett Foley, Belleville East, junior; Andy Gammie, Edwardsville, sophomore; Max Humes, Belleville West, freshman; Danny Lester, Alton, sophomore.

Honorable mention

Kyle Autbaugh, Alton, senior; Scott Bechtold, Alton, junior; Tyler Dunn, Alton, freshman; Jeff Jorden, Granite City, senior; Ryan Kneppack, Belleville East, freshman; Ryan McAbner, Granite City, freshman; Joel Rahn, Belleville West, senior; Ty Sahn, Granite City, senior; Brett Zika, Edwardsville, senior.

Southwestern Conference all-conference tennis

First team

Singles - Rocky Brunner, Belleville East, senior; Lauren Carey, Belleville West, senior; Lindsey Irwin, Belleville West, sophomore; Jessica Cuelper, Edwardsville, junior; Doubles - Lindsay Anderson (junior) and Maggie Fisher (senior), Edwardsville; Alton, senior; and Karyn Sims (junior), Belleville West; Laura Barnhill (senior) and Lindsey Gantle (junior), Edwardsville.

Second team

Singles - Lisa Farquhar, Belleville West, junior; Chissy Yngst, Belleville West, junior; Lindsay Bishop, Belleville East, freshman; Lauren Schmidt, Edwardsville, sophomore.

Doubles - Devin Foy (junior) and Rebecca Wendel (senior), Belleville East; Lo Hess (senior) and Amber Raymond (senior), Belleville East; Crystal Anderson (sophomore) and Karyn Romani (sophomore), Edwardsville.

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The holidays are a busy time for DUI arrests

Illinois state police will be out in force during the next 30 days looking for drunk drivers

By Kerry Smith
Staff writer

It's a fact that the advent of the holidays brings the onset of an increasing number of DUIs from the national organization of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers reveal that out of 192 traffic fatalities last New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 129 of the deaths - 67 percent - were alcohol related. Last Thanksgiving and the night before, the national statistics tell a similar tale: out of 570 roadway fatalities, 231 of them - 40 percent - occurred as a result of drunk drivers.

Illinois State Police report that DUI-related fatalities in 1999 are slightly lower than they were last year. ISP Lt. Chuck Brueggemann said as of Wednesday, there have been 100 traffic fatalities so far this year in the five-county area including Madison, Monroe, Clinton, Bond and St. Clair counties. "Last year we were at a total of 110 roadway fatalities by Dec. 1," Brueggemann said. "These are not all alcohol related, but still it's encouraging to know that there are fewer traffic fatalities in 1999 than there were in 1998." Brueggemann expects DUI arrests to increase during the next 30 days. "Sadly, that's the reality."

"Last year we were at a total of 110 roadway fatalities by Dec. 1. These are not all alcohol related, but still it's encouraging to know that there are fewer traffic fatalities in 1999 than there were in 1998."

Chuck Brueggemann
Illinois state police

With the holiday season comes many more opportunities for special events and also the opportunity to overindulge with alcohol," he said. "As always, we're encouraging the public to wear seatbelts, to use a designated driver, to obey the speed limit and not to be in a hurry." The best defense a sober driver or passenger has against becoming a DUI victim, Brueggemann said, is to

keep that seatbelt fastened. "Typically the fatalities are in less dense traffic areas and the impact in terms of miles per hour is greater. The seatbelt can mean the difference between a fatality and a non-fatality." Illinois State Police are keeping a keener eye on multiple violators during this holiday season.

He said, "We've increased the number of covert cars - Mustangs and Camaros - that are monitoring motorists."

Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons, who heads the misdemeanor division, agrees that December marks the busiest month in terms of DUI arrests issued in Madison County. "People are celebrating and taking more opportunities where they're in situations involving drinking and driving," Gibbons said. "A lot of police departments and public safety agencies throughout the county are stepping up their DUI patrols during this season." As of Nov. 27, 1,229 DUI charges have been made against Madison County drivers. Gibbons said a total of 1,211 were issued in 1998. "The Illinois Legislature has been very good about introducing new DUI laws," Gibbons said. "It's not

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Tom Gibbons
Madison county state's attorney

uncommon for us to see someone with multiple DUIs in a short period of time. A lot of these people are just seriously ill." The real deterrent to future DUIs, Gibbons said, is felony prosecution. First time DUI offenders are generally charged with only a misdemeanor, he said, but

repeat violators are likely to earn themselves a felony. The most severe sentence for a DUI offender is one to three years in a penitentiary and a fine of up to \$25,000. "Illinois was one of the first states to go to a .08 blood-alcohol limit," the county prosecutor said. "That's not two beers at a bar."

MADD Illinois executive director Brad Fralick said corporate parties seem to have influenced the increase of DUI tragedies during December. "Law enforcement agencies we talk to agree that December is the busiest month for DUIs," Fralick said. "What we're finding is that a majority of the injuries and fatalities occur on weeknights rather than on weekends. Either for liability reasons or because they're trying to do the right thing, we've seen some progress in the way companies are taking more responsibility as to how much alcohol their guests are allowed to consume."

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By Jennifer Saxton
Staff writer

With the holiday season in full swing, people are constantly going and forgetting the essentials. Sleep may be one of those important priorities that may be overlooked during the holidays.

During the holidays, families are often more sleep deprived and, unfortunately, on the road more often. The Madison County Health Department said mixing fatigue with driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence of

alcohol or drugs.

Chae Li Yong, of the Madison County Health Department, offers safety advice to drivers on the road late at night coming home from holiday parties, shopping or late nights at work.

Safe drivers should be aware of their own biological clock, while some people are "night people" and others are "night people." Drivers should make sure when they are most alert and most sleepy.

While coffee or cola can help a driver feel more alert, they should not be used as a substitute for sleep. The effects of caffeine will only last for a short time. A caffeine drink will help, but if a driver is sleep deprived, they are still likely to take mini naps lasting around

four or five seconds.

"Being asleep for even a few seconds when you're driving can kill you or someone else," Yong said.

The average person required seven or eight hours sleep per night. And teenagers and young adults require more sleep than people in their 30s, even though they usually don't get enough sleep.

In one study, in fatigue-related crashes, drivers slept two and a half hours less during the 24 hours prior to the crash than truckers who crashed for other reasons.

Madison County offers tips for drivers during the holiday season.

Start any trip by getting enough sleep the night before. Drive during times of the day you are normally

awake and stay overnight rather than traveling straight through the night.

Avoid driving during your body's biological "down time." Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is the most dangerous time for drowsiness.

Talk with your passenger(s). Have the passenger observe you for signs of sleepiness. Let someone else drive or pull over. A nap could save your life and several others.

Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles or stop sooner if you have any of the following danger signals:

Your eyes close or go out of focus by themselves; have trouble paying attention; have trouble keeping your head up; keep yawning; have wandering, disconnected thoughts; do not remember driving the last few miles; drift between lanes, tailgate and miss traffic signs; keep jerking the car back into the lane; drift off the road and narrowly miss crashing and miss your exit.

Yong said when a driver becomes aware of the any of these danger signs, they should get off the road.



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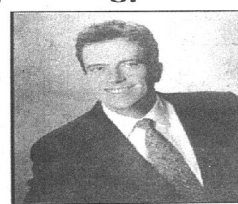
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Toy Story 2 (G) 3:50, 6:30
Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:40,
7:30
End Of Days (R) 4:30, 7:00
Pokemon (G) 4:20, 6:40
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 4:00, 7:20

COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
7:00
For Love Or The Game (PG-13) 6:45
Double Jeopardy (R) 7:30

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00
Toy Story 2 (G) 2:30, 5:00, 7:10
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 2:00, 5:40, 8:15
Pokemon (G) 1:40, 3:45,

5:55
The Messenger (R) 8:05
American Beauty (R) 2:15, 5:30, 8:10
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End Of Days (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:25
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Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:50, 7:10, 9:15
House On Haunted Hill (R) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
The Bone Collector (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
Light It Up (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:20

SIXTH SENSE

PG-13 4:55, 7:40, 9:45
The Bachelor (PG-13) 5:10, 7:45, 9:45
The Best Man (R) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35
Pokemon (G) 5:15, 7:30, 9:30
Omega Code (PG-13) 5:30, 7:45, 9:45
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The Insider (R) 1:30, 8:05
The Messenger (R) 5:00
Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:20, 7:30

TOY STORY 2

(G) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
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Music Of The Heart (PG) 2:15, 7:00
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The Best Man (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

SIXTH SENSE

(R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

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Pokemon (G) 6:45

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Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45
Pokemon (G) 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:15, 9:10
Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20, 10:45
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Double Jeopardy (R) 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15
The Omega Code (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:35, 9:00

SHOWPLACE 12

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SLEEPY HOLLOW

(R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Sleepy Hollow (R) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
The Bone Collector (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
The Messenger (R) 3:40, 6:45, 9:45
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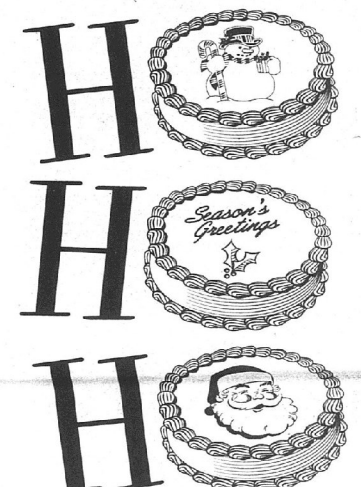
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Test your cable T.V. knowledge

By Kevin Carbery

Staff writer

I have been aware of cable TV since the early 1980s and one question sticks out in my mind about it.

Just how many Australians have been bitten by sharks?

If you are a fan of the Discovery Channel like I am, and watch it with any kind of regularity, you see dozens of interviews with Aussies who have found themselves in the jaws of the nasty sea creatures. There is little doubt that the people are telling the truth as they are able to display huge teeth marks on their legs and arms, if they managed to retain the limbs.

My family first signed up for basic cable as a way to finally get good reception at our home, which is located at the bottom of a hill. We had no idea what we would get in the form of programming. I would not say that everything I have seen on cable TV has been interesting, but at least it has offered an alternative to the major television networks.

I am an addict of the Comedy Central cable channel. "Win Ben Stein's Money" is a hoot, a much more entertaining game show than "Jeopardy." I try never to miss "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart. I enjoy "South Park" and "The Man Show," both of which are programs aimed at the lowest, common denominator, which, I suppose, includes me.

On the other hand, I also find myself watching news shows on CNN and MSNBC. "Crossfire" is a good program to catch if you enjoy hearing educated people yell at other. "Hardball" with Chris Matthews is intriguing to those of us who get a kick out of seeing members of the news media take potshots at politicians.

Finally, for those who are sports nuts, cable television is a godsend. I am able to watch some type of athletic event on basic cable practically every night of the year. Immediately after I wake up in the morning, my hand automatically punches the remote control to bring up "SportsCenter" on ESPN. It is hard to imagine life without ESPN.

For this week's quiz, the topic is basic cable TV.

1. What show that gained popularity on Comedy Central before moving to the Sci-Fi

Channel involved a human and some robots making fun of terrible movies?

2. Who was the host of the MTV program "Remote Control," an off-the-wall game show?

3. "Talk Soup" is a popular show on which basic cable channel?

4. On what dating show did Jenny McCarthy and Carmen Elektra once appear, at different times, as regulars?

5. Who was the host of "The Daily Show" on MTV before Jon Stewart took over the job?

6. "Clump Channel" is a program on which cable channel?

7. In "Heavis and Butt-head," the boys wore T-shirts with the names of what rock groups on them?

8. On what VHS program can you learn about the tragic lives of such performers as Lelf Garrett and Bette Midler?

9. What A&E channel program delves into the lives of famous politicians, criminals, entertainers and athletes from history?

10. Which ESPN sportscaster made a name for himself by inventing ridiculous nicknames for athletes on "SportsCenter"?

ANSWERS: 1. "Mystery Science Theater 3000," one of my favorite shows of all time.

2. Ken Ober. Colin Quinn, now on "Saturday Night Live," was his sidekick.

3. Entertainment Television.

4. "Singled Out," on MTV.

5. Craig Kilborn, who now has his own show on CBS.

6. TBS. In this show, they have monkeys act out scenes from movies. It is bizarre.

7. AC/DC (Butt-head) and Metallica (Beavis).

8. "Behind the Music."

9. "Biography."

10. Chris Serrano.

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Teachers Local 763 present award to VFW post 7451

President of Madison Federation of Teachers Local 763, Don Smith, far left, is presenting a plaque to VFW Post 7451, Madison, in honor of its generosity and contributions to the local teachers union. Pictured are, from left, president Local 763, Dan Poston, quartermaster, VFW 7451; Cherrie Hays, president VFW 7451 and Linda McMurray, junior vice-president VFW 7451.

Church Women host monthly meeting

Ollie Derr, vice-president, who also gave the devotional topic from the "Upper Room," opened the monthly meeting of Church Women United. Muriel Kratz and Sarah Huber furnished refreshments. Muriel Kratz reported on the CWU Regional event she attended in Grand Rapids, Mich. Members voted to send \$50 to the Illinois State CWU. It was announced that toys will be distributed Dec. 11, 13 and 14 at the Community Care Center. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

The Christmas party will be Dec. 3 at Nameoki Methodist Church. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish, craft item and unwrapped white elephant gift. Churches are asked to donate filled baskets for an auction. One half of the proceeds will be given to the projects for Ministry to Women and Children, the other half to the Layette Fund. A check was presented from the Knights of Columbus for the layette program.

The canned food items that were donated at the meeting will be given to the Community Care Center and to Phoenix House. Good Samaritan house is selling Christmas pins and other assortments for \$12 each. The annual business meeting of CWU will be on Jan. 21 at St. John United Church of Christ. World Community Day in November of 2000 will be at the Central Christian Church. "Music, Music" will be at the Suburban Baptist Church in April. Proceeds from the \$3 tickets will go to the funds that served the Ministry to Women and Children and to the layette program. May Friendship luncheon will be at Holy Family Church.

Ladies Auxillary host Halloween party

The Ladies Auxiliary to Knights of Columbus Council 1098 recently met for a regular monthly meeting. An invitation was received for a musical comedy presented by the Knights in Oakbrook.

Catherine Ponce, chairperson for the Craft Show was commended for her good work. She thanked all those who helped to make the show a success.

Activities chairperson Margaret Ferro reported that the Halloween party was well attended and the youngsters enjoyed the

Haunted House. Plans were made for the Auxiliary Christmas Party Jan. 18. Committee for the party consists of Margaret Ferro, Dolores Moseley, Emma Jackich, Helen DeRuntz and Cleo Schneck. There will be dinner, entertainment and games. The auxiliary has been asked to help with the plans for the Exemplification at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City, September. The ladies will host the Ladies Luncheon and Program that day. Donations are made to the following charities: Catholic Charities, PAC-VAN, the DARE Program, Good Samaritan House, Wings Koch Center, Phoenix Crisis Center and New Beginnings. Cleo Schneck reported that 29 quilts have been donated to Good Samaritan House for the children there. Agnes Friedel won attendance prize. The meeting was closed with a prayer and social hostess Gloria Heintz served refreshments. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be in February.

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Robbery suspect charged with harassing witness

Wood River man threatened local woman from Madison County Jail

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A suspect in a violent armed robbery was charged Wednesday with threatening a female witness via a telephone call from the Madison County Jail.

Corey C. Hankins, 19, of Wood River, was charged in Madison County Circuit Court with harassment of a witness, a felony. Detective Scott Sandidge

of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said Hankins made the collect call Monday, and the witness reported it to authorities. Sandidge wouldn't divulge specifics of the conversation but said Hankins admitted making the call when confronted.

Sandidge said the witness was not the female gas station attendant whom Hankins and two others are accused of robbing Nov. 14. Authorities have charged Hankins, his brother Sammie D. Hankins, 17, of Madison, and an associate, Stacey T.

Samuels, 20, of East St. Louis, with the armed robbery of the Clark gas station, 73 E. Airline Drive, Rosewood Heights. About \$335 was taken from the station's cash register. During the robbery, a gun was held to the head of the clerk and she was sprayed with Mace. She had to be treated for chemical burns at a hospital. Samuels was charged Wednesday; the others had been charged earlier. Both Samuels and Sammie Hankins remained at large Wednesday.

"We expect them to be

picked up very quickly,"

Sandidge said. Jail inmates are limited only by time and money in making telephone calls from the jail, said Capt. Robert Hertz of the Sheriff's Department.

Each cellblock has a pay phone — most coin slots that can be used by inmates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Calls will go through only if they are collect or if an inmate bills a call to a confirming party, Hertz said.

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Robert Hertz
Sheriff's department

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County," Hertz said. Calls are not monitored or taped, he said. However, the department can get a record of the numbers being called if questionable situations develop.

Deputies determined that the men fled the robbery scene in a Chevrolet Corsica that was traced to a Madison area resident, who knows the men but is not linked to the robbery, Sandidge said.

Corey Hankins was picked up soon afterward in Grenada, Miss., where he had family members. He waived extradition and was brought back to the county by detectives.

Charter takes over AT&T cable

Company will run operations for entire metro area

By Christopher England
Staff writer

Charter Communications, a publicly traded company that serves Madison County as a cable and Internet provider, has signed a letter of intent with AT&T Broadband & Internet Services to trade certain cable systems, including the AT&T BIS-owned systems in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"This transaction brings the advantages of broadband technology that will be offered by Charter to virtually the entire St. Louis region," said Jerald L. Kent, Charter president and CEO.

Kent said the trade means that St. Louis and the Metro East will become a super cluster and will effectively become the flagship market for the company.

"We not only want to put St. Louis in the fast lane of

technology development, we want to make it the pace car for the information superhighway," Kent said.

According to Kent, St. Louis will be a test bed for state-of-the-art telecommunications in our region to experience the benefits of Charter's Wired World vision.

According to the Missouri Cable Association, the proposed exchange would make Charter the largest cable operator in the state of Missouri.

Kent said Charter's strategy for growth from the beginning has been to geographically cluster cable systems to gain operating efficiencies and economies of scale.

"We are upgrading our cable infrastructure to offer customers digital cable television, high speed Internet and to build in the capacity for full broadband portal services," Kent said.

When the transaction is

completed, Charter will take over the ownership of AT&T BIS cable systems serving approximately 704,000 customers in St. Louis metropolitan area along with several additional communities in Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and Georgia.

AT&T BIS will assume ownership of Charter cable systems serving approximately 632,000 customers, plus an undisclosed amount of cash.

The systems AT&T BIS will receive include Fort Worth, Texas, as well as select communities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Tennessee and Kentucky.

In the Metro East, Charter currently operates systems in Granite City, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Troy and in Monroe County. AT&T operates in Belleville, Cahokia, East St. Louis, Alton, East Alton, Wood River and Bethalto.

Approval sought for Bluff Hall

SIUE's new planned residence hall to go before board

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

SIUE's new residence hall, Bluff Hall, could be a step closer to completion when the university's board of trustees meets next week. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor David Werner

will request board approval to seek bids on the third residence hall at Thursday's meeting.

"This is the next step in the process," Werner said.

Bluff Hall, to be built near the existing residence halls, will be constructed in fall 2001. The board approved the name for the residence hall at its 4 meeting.

Officials also will request approval to increase the budget for renovation of Cougar Village apartments. Werner said this also is just the next step in this process.

The board approved additional funding for the renovation project at the Oct. 14 meeting. The increased funding is needed because of asbestos and structural damage that was discovered after renovations began. The project originally was budgeted at \$20 million.

"We would have hoped to have done it for less," Werner said.

He said university officials knew there was some asbestos in the buildings, but they discovered additional asbestos when renovations began. Werner said there also were some apartments in which the ceilings and floors have deteriorated internally and need repairs.

"It's definitely worth it to make the apartments usable for the next 25 years," he said.

The original plan was to work on the renovations in the summers of 1999 and 2000, but the university will now work on the apartments

during the school year.

Some of the apartments will receive new windows, renovated kitchens or bathrooms and new siding or roofs. Some apartments also need their balconies replaced. Different apartment buildings will receive different work based on what is needed.

Four apartment buildings, which contain eight apartments each, are vacant because of the renovation work. The oldest set of apartment buildings was constructed in 1972.

This is not the first problem to arise with the renovations of student housing at SIUE. In May, state officials filed suit against Safe Environment Corp. and MJC Constructors Inc. when an inspector discovered debris in a building. The university's contract stated that asbestos was to be properly removed.



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Chocolate chips, flour and sugar pave path to glory

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Alleluia! 'Tis the season to be merry and bake cookies and other sweet goodies. Oreos, Chips Ahoy! and Nutter Butters may be the choice off the shelf 11 months of the year, but now the cookie tin is gaping. Toll House chocolate chip cookies, Snickerdoodles and Cherry Winks.

Cookbook author Lauren Groveman urges people to indulge themselves in cooking endeavors.

"There is an atmosphere about being in the kitchen. You can't purchase the physical and sensory implications. There are the anticipatory smells. Even the

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Baking Basics

- Before starting, read through the recipe to avoid surprises.
- Assemble ingredients and equipment before beginning.
- Measure accurately. Use pans specified and prepare them as directed.
- To grease and flour a pan, apply solid shortening with waxed paper or melted shortening with a pastry brush, then sprinkle the pan with flour and shake it until it is coated. Invert the pan and tap out any excess flour.
- If a recipe calls for margarine or butter, use the stick kind, not the tub type because it has extra water. Use the right sugar. If it just says "sugar," use granulated, the kind offered for coffee and tea. "Confectioner's" or "powdered" sugar is finer and fluffier. Confectioner's and brown sugar should be used only if specified in the recipe.
- Let baking sheets cool between batches of cookies.
- Set oven rack in the center of the oven. Do not let pans touch each other or sides of the oven. If using more than one rack, stagger pans so they are not stacked in the oven.
- Wait until the minimum baking time has passed before opening the oven to test doneness. Unless otherwise directed, cookies should feel set and dry to the touch, but they still may have soft spring in the dough. Drop cookies often settle as they cool.
- To avoid softening, cool cookies before storing individual varieties in airtight containers.

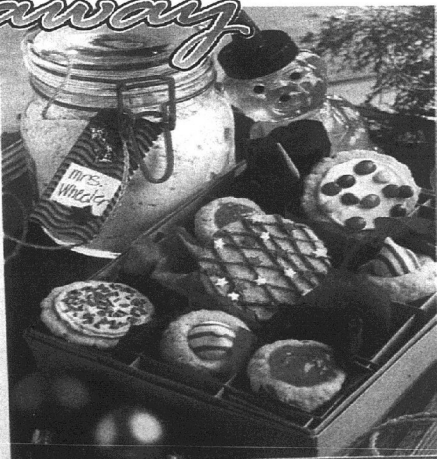
Giveaway

A child can help make the gift mix for Honey Spice Oatmeal Cookies or bake the cookies.

- Cookie Mix ingredients:**
- 2-3/4 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. ground ginger
 - 2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 1 tsp. baking soda
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
 - 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
 - 1-1/2 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)

Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, cloves and nutmeg. Add oats. Mix again. Transfer to resealable plastic bag, decorative jar with lid or other airtight container. Store in cool, dry place. Give Cookie Mix with recipe.

Kids' Cuisine



Honey Spice Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter (no substitute), softened
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1 egg
- Cookie Mix

In large bowl, beat butter and honey until creamy. Add egg. Beat well. Add half the Cookie Mix at a time. Beat well after each addition.

Divide dough into thirds. Place each on plastic wrap and flatten until 1/2-inch thick. Wrap tightly. Chill at least 4 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Work with one portion of chilled dough at a time. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Using bottom of glass dipped in granulated sugar, flatten dough until 1/8-inch thick. Bake in preheated oven 5 to 7 minutes until centers are just set. Cookies will feel soft; do not overbake. Cool 1 minute, then remove from pans to rack to cool completely. Decorate cooled cookies, if desired.

Makes about 6 dozen.
Thumbprint Cookies: Use thumb to indent deeply the center of each cookie dough ball. Bake 6 to 8 minutes until very light golden brown. Immediately press small dark or white chocolate candy into indentation or fill with 1/2 teaspoon preserves. Cool.

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Lively Taste

Tangy cranberries make a lively glaze for a beef roast. Rub 3- to 4-1/2-pound beef sirloin tip roast with 3 cloves garlic (minced). Combine 1 cup chopped cranberries, 1 teaspoon lemon zest and 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley. Rub this mixture on the roast, too. Place meat on a rack in a roasting pan. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 50 minutes longer for medium degree of doneness. Slice roast across grain. Serve with cranberry chutney or whole-berry cranberry sauce mixed with orange zest. Makes 8 servings.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Frequent hand washing is key to decreasing the spread of germs in this cold and flu season. Germs move through the air, but they also are on surfaces, like the hands. Whenever things touch, new germs are picked up and others shared. Shaking hands and sharing conveniences, like telephones and computer keyboards, necessitate washing hands often.

Fresh Picks

Pears are an any-time snack. Rather than depending on color to check for ripeness, apply gentle thumb pressure near the base of the stem. If it yields slightly, it's ripe. Flavorful pears blend with fruit, meat and vegetables to add a touch of sweetness and moistness. Try them on sandwiches. For an open-face sandwich, spread 1 slice multi-grain or rye sandwich bread with 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard. Place 1 slice cooked or smoked turkey, then arrange thinly sliced pear on top. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese. Add coarsely ground pepper to taste. Cut each sandwich in half. Serve open face.

Big Fat Tip

Be kind to everyone by not overloading guests — and having days of leftovers to eat — to prove how much variety fits on a table. Instead, serve a few special dishes proudly. Provide low-calorie drinks, such as juices, wine spritzers and light or non-alcoholic beers. Have favorite diet sodas on hand. Instead of rich ice cream, try sorbet or nonfat frozen yogurt or other frozen treats. Offer fresh fruit salad for dessert. Serve freshly baked sweet potatoes with sliced pineapple on top for a side dish. Instead of sweet potato pie for dessert. Instead of stuffing or dressing, which absorbs the fat of the bird, offer a side dish of wild rice mixed with long grain white or brown rice.

Future Shop

Cooking is not learned by osmosis. With this in mind, Corningware cookware, in association with the prestigious Johnson & Wales University, offers on-line www.corningware-school.com — a variety of cooking fundamentals. It is based on research indicating people want to learn more "scratch" techniques to improve family meals. Class can be audited by day or by night and the materials can be studied as long as desired. Rather than taking notes, a student can print them out or log on again. Step-by-step classes come with photos and recipes. A person can learn to roast, grill, broil, sauté, fry, bake, microwave, braise, stew, poach and steam food. "Graduate school" for pastry, sauces, specialty items and ethnic cuisines will be added later.

Today's Food

Smart cookies give cookbooks for gifts

By Cynthia Fauser
Correspondent

Cookbooks make great gifts. They instruct the newly independent in survival skills, give the newly wed in the art of entertaining. They assist those with special needs to prepare food more healthfully and often include nutrient analysis.

They re create favorite places with taste experiences. They even remind us of home by writing down recipes passed down by family members or regional collections.

I have one cookbook with ring marks buried on its cover to remind me of a day when my lack of experience matched my lack of counter space. My husband wonders if he should attach special significance to this burnt cookbook's title, "Joy of Cooking."

As my experience continues to expand, I capitalize on the experience of others through their cookbooks. Owners of small inns and bed and breakfast establishments I have visited have authored some of my favorite collections. Their reputation is built on excellent food and their recipes reflect many trials and successes.

When shopping for a cookbook gift, consider the recipient's lifestyle and experience. Does the exotic, complicated and gourmet type of cooking appeal or would quick-to-fix options that make use of convenience items be more appropriate? My preferences in the realm of many working folk lean toward recipes that creatively combine easy-to-find ingredients.

Following are just a few of my favorites for giving this year:

• "Better Homes and Garden Cookbook" is a basic, tried-and-true standard, especially for young people starting out on their own. Every kitchen should have this or a similar cookbook as a trusted resource and how-to guide. After

all, sometimes mom just isn't home to answer the call when help is needed.

• "Discover Dinnertime" by Susan Dosier and Julia Dowling Rutland, former Southern Living magazine writers, is an amazing blend of creative, uncomplicated recipes designed to get families eating — and talking — around the family table.

• "Meals Without Squeals" by Christine Berman and Jacki Fromer is great for day care centers or homes with preschoolers. This book has kid-friendly recipes plus excellent suggestions for lunch box foods, snacks and menu planning. The author offers a gentle approach to developing healthy eating behaviors in children.

• "Breads, Soups & Salads! Step-by-Step Success for Novice or Chef" by Sharon Baizer Weinstein is a new release by a local author. A cooking perfectionist, instructor and prize winner, she has allowed me to sample several of her creations. Her premise is if a recipe is explained in enough detail, anyone can be a great cook. For the more experienced, she supplies a "Cliff-Notes" version of each recipe. Her pie crust recipe is the best ever.

• "The Essential Arthritis Cookbook" by the Arthritis Center and Department of Nutrition Sciences, University of Alabama is an excellent resource for a person with chronic pain or arthritis who has limited energy and preparation time, but still wants to prepare nutritious meals. It gives information on how diet affects arthritis.

• "The New Family Cookbook for People with Diabetes" is an update by the American Diabetes Association and the American Dietetics Association for satisfying meals the whole family will enjoy.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

Creative preparation adds flair to traditional fare

Side dishes need a dash of glitz to avoid neglect

By Libby Mills
Correspondent

One of my holiday frustrations is clearing the table only to find one or two dishes that spent the entire meal lost in the shadows.

In my table, I find the shadows of the gorgeous bird, mounds of stuffing, piles of fresh homemade hot rolls, and heaps of potatoes and candied yams.

These items took time to prepare, cramped space on the cooktop, added challenge to serving everything simultaneously at the right temperature and dirtied another dish. Virtually untouched, these foods continue to take up premium space in the refrigerator.

In my table, I find the most frequent losers are auxiliary vegetables — green beans, carrots, peas and cranberry relish.

I try not to resent it. After all, merely tasting each dish on a party table's edge-to-edge spread is way too much food for any one meal. Optimistically I hope

everyone was portioning holiday eats smartly to help prevent holiday weight gain.

Though this is a healthful strategy and practice, typically it is not the case.

Be creative. Save time, effort and space in future meals by experimenting with combinations of traditional food.

Start with a warm corn and squash soup or chilled sweet potato bisque. Imagine oven-baked layers of brown sugar, raisins, cranberries and pecans between slices of butternut and acorn squash.

Homemade cranberry preserves sweeten soft hot rolls.

Add surprise with stuffing made with eggplant or zucchini or a casserole of cubed pumpkin or butternut squash tossed with spinach and feta cheese.

This year the auxiliary vegetables and cranberries attract better odds as I debut Jeweled Carrots for a new tradition. Keeping with seasonal foods, the dish showcases recently harvested vegetables, plus nuts and berries.

Delicious hot or cold, this easy make-ahead dish is always ready to be served, oblivious of pressure for everything to be hot from the stove. Its versatility helps trim the wait between planned serving time and

the inevitable delay to sit-down time.

Registered dietitian Libby Mills is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

JEWELLED CARROTS

1/3 cup chicken stock
1 lb. baby carrots
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/4 cup lightly toasted pistachio nuts
Freshly ground pepper, if desired

Rinse carrots and basil. Do not dry basil.

In large saucepan, bring chicken stock to boil. Add carrots. Boil, covered, 15 minutes until carrots are done, but still slightly crisp. Drain all but 2 tablespoons stock. Refrigerate.

Toss carrots with oil, basil, cranberries and nuts. To serve, add pepper as desired.

Makes 6 servings; 88 calories, 7 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 4.5 g fat (1 g saturated), no cholesterol and 88 mg sodium each.

Hot cereals take chill from season

Hot cereal doesn't take much longer to prepare than cold varieties and it fits the season better, so tasters checked out three varieties that get as less attention than the usual packets of flavored oatmeal.

Instant Cream of Wheat variety pack and Harvest Mornings multi-grain hot

cereal in raspberry Danish, both products of Nabisco for \$3.49, were tested along with Coco Wheats from Little Crow Foods for \$3.29. All were available at Dierbergs.

Testers found the Harvest Mornings cereal the tastiest, but were confused by its predominant oatmeal texture, since it was called "multigrain."

"The raspberry cereal had a nice creamy texture, but could have used a stronger berry taste and more fruit chunks. It had a distinct oatmeal flavor. I'm not sure what I expected from multigrain, but it tasted like oatmeal, which was the No. 1 ingredient on the list," a tester said.

He thought it tasted like most of the fruit and cream-texture instant oatmeal. While he found it confusing, he was not dissatisfied with the product. The box contains a recipe for coffee cake and suggests looking for more recipes on the Nabisco web site.

Another taster liked its creamy texture.

"It has a nice berry aroma when you open the package,



Hot cereals expand in new varieties with farina and oatmeal, too," she said.

She liked its low amount of sodium, and generous portion of potassium and dietary fiber.

The flavors of Instant Cream of Wheat varied. The favorite was a "raisin 'n' spice, which had a reasonable amount of raisins and light flavor."

"Like any Cream of Wheat or oat cereal, the texture is fine-grained," a tester said. "It dissolves well, as expected, and I think the flavors are likeable, with the raisin 'n' spice and baked apple cinnamon leading the way for me, because I like it with fruit."

She noted the farina's lower fiber and less intense flavor may not be the preference of those who look for both in a breakfast cereal.

Another taster said, "I normally love the plain Cream of Wheat (instant) with a little sugar and milk, but I didn't care for it with brown sugar. It tasted a bit too sugary and a lot like pancakes, which made me feel I

was eating maple syrup."

Coco Wheats, another farina cereal, was less appreciated. "It lures you in with that cute, happy monkey on the box and the cereal's claim to have a 'cocoa' flavor. I couldn't taste the cocoa at all," a taster said.

Another decided to put it on trial another time to describe the cereal better. "First it has a distinctly grain flavor. The cocoa flavor dissolved with the aroma after the box was open a few days," she hoped the cereal would be more of an asset."

She said she needed more sugar than usual on the cereal and suggested that a lack of sugar with the cocoa may have enhanced the grain flavor.

Another looked for a use for the Coco Wheats on the package.

"I thought a recipe for fruity muffins or something would give the cereal another chance, but the one there was for brownies made with traditional ingredients."

In today's society, this is not a step backward. "Shared meals happen in any size kitchen. Ownership of these best parts of our past help fortify us. The same hands that pound a computer can make bread, too," she says.

These cookie recipes use a cook's time well to produce grandstand effects.

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clanging sounds offer safety for children," she says.

She encourages people to exercise their cooking "muscles," so they learn and mature without losing their enthusiasm by overdoing it.

"It is an activity that can be really thought of as a sport. Cooking muscles need to grow. You would not go to the gym and do 300 push-ups the first time you would leave in a body bag," she says.

Groverman says every individual has a "unique sense of normal."

She enjoys baking and has helped Julia Child publish recipes for European pastries. The mailman enjoys passing her house because of its aromas.

The season is meant for sharing, so when company comes, she picks "user-friendly" menus that can be broken down into steps for early preparation. She lets people help her prepare, too.

She recommends those who hold jobs outside the home learn to manage their kitchens like an office. The finest ingredients create foods with the greatest longevity. Her travels this fall included interviews and cooking classes where she shared recipes using Disaronno Amaretto.

Groverman cooks big and freezes extras because "it makes the same sense whether you make one meal or more."

Her kitchen has pots, pans and canisters showing, so "I hear them saying, 'Come here and use me.'"

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TOFFEE-POP CHEESECAKE BARS

1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened

1-1/4 cups flour
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened and cubed
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed (not evaporated) milk
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 pkg. (10 oz.) English toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, combine flour, confectioner's sugar, cocoa and baking soda. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press into bottom of ungreased 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes.

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add sweetened condensed milk, eggs and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Stir in 1 cup toffee bits. Pour over hot crust. Bake 25 minutes longer or until set and edges just begin to brown.

Cool about 15 minutes. Sprinkle remaining 3/4 cup toffee bits evenly over top. Cool completely. Refrigerate several hours or until cold. Store, covered, in refrigerator.

Makes 36 bars.

CHOCOLATE CRANBERRY BARS

2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs (about 60 wafers)
1/2 cup cocoa powder
3 tbsp. sugar
2/3 cup cold butter, cut in pieces
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed (not evaporated) milk
1 cup peanut butter chips
1 pkg. (6 oz.) sweetened dried cranberries or 1-1/3 cups raisins
1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, stir together crumbs, cocoa and sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press evenly on bottom and 1/2 inch up sides of 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Pour sweetened con-

densed milk evenly over crumb mixture. Sprinkle evenly with peanut butter chips, cranberries and nuts. Press down lightly.

Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Cover with aluminum foil. Let stand several hours. Cut in bars. Store, covered, at room temperature. Makes 36 bars.

HOLIDAY SHORT-BREAD COOKIES

2 cups flour
2/3 cup confectioner's sugar
2 cups wheat germ
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1-1/4 tsp. vanilla

In medium bowl, combine flour, confectioner's sugar, wheat germ, cornstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Mix well.

In large bowl, beat butter and vanilla, using electric mixer, until creamy. Add flour mixture. Beat on low speed, scraping bowl occasionally, until well blended.

Divide dough in half. Roll each half into cylinder 9 inches long and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 3 hours, or overnight. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets.

Slice dough 1/4-inch thick. Place 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven 15 to 18 minutes until cookies just begin to turn light brown. Do not overbake.

Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets. Remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely. Store, tightly covered, at room temperature. Makes about 3 dozen.

Decorating tips: Drizzle melted white or dark chocolate over cooled cookies; sprinkle with additional wheat germ. Over cooled cookies, drizzle combination of 1/3 cup confectioner's sugar, 1/2 teaspoon rum extract and just enough milk to form thin glaze.

Today's Food

Easy enchiladas wrap up turkey or chicken

Kim Ruhl, St. Peters, wins this week's contest

BLUE RIBBON COOK
for Easy Chicken Enchiladas. The prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co. Like other family members, she blends cookbook recipes and shared secrets to make favorite recipes, like this one. Her sister, Kori Zumbel, prompted her to try cream cheese in the sauce. She uses the recipe at an emergency shelter in St. Charles. She says it is simple to make and adds toppings with side dishes of rice and beans for an economical,

delicious meal. It also can be made with leftover turkey in place of the cooked chicken. A recipe for quick bread made with a fruit or vegetable should be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be considered for winning one of the Wednesdays in January. From banana to strawberry, pumpkin to cherry, any type of fruit or vegetable should be used in the bread. A single recipe from a single household will be considered when it is sent to: Fruity Quick Bread Recipe Contest, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to west-news@primary.net.

Winners will be chosen from entries on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. As usual, the history of the recipe is considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source. Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special. Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

EASY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

2 tbsp. oil
3 or 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in 3/4 inch cubes
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese
1/2 pkg. taco seasoning
3/4 cup water
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar or taco blend cheese
10 flour tortillas

Optional toppings:
shredded lettuce,
diced tomato, salsa,
sliced black olives,
sour cream

In large skillet, heat oil. Over medium heat, cook chicken until no longer pink. Remove from skillet. In same skillet over low heat, warm cream cheese until soft, stirring until smooth. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Using wire whisk if necessary, blend thoroughly until sauce is smooth. Add chicken. Remove from heat. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 11-by-9-

inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Soften tortillas 1 minute on high power in microwave oven. To assemble, spoon 1/3 to 1/2 cup chicken mixture into each tortilla and top with 2 tablespoons cheese. Roll tortilla and place seam side-down in prepared pan. Pour remaining cheese sauce over tortillas. If too thick, stir in a little water. Top with remaining cheese. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes. Serve with desired toppings. Makes 5 servings.

'Elf' quickly melts chocolate for big dipper

By Sandra Hounsom
Correspondent

Shopping, cooking and decorating are all part of

MICRO RAVES

the holiday season. As for the cooking, excellent kitchen help comes from an unusually-shaped elf, the microwave oven. It moves in double-time to speed up preparation, particularly of enticing chocolate

treats. Cake decorating supply departments and supermarkets sell white and chocolate candy coating. One pound of candy coating melts in a microwave on medium power in 4 to 5 minutes. Stir the coating after 4 minutes, then every 30 seconds. The water-shaped pieces of candy do not appear to melt; only stirring changes their shape into a smooth mixture. To make the process easier, leave a wooden spoon in the bowl for stirring after 4 minutes. Little tricks with the coating are tremendously attractive.

Take a favorite sandwich cookie and, using a fork, dip it into melted candy. Tap to remove excess. Transfer to wire rack and top with colored sprinkles while the coating is still soft. Let it set before placing in a cookie tin. Use the same technique to coat small pretzels (twists). Use milk or dark chocolate candy coating to make "bark"-type candy. Melt 1 pound coating in a microwave oven. Stir in 1 cup nuts, such as pecans, almonds or cashews. Line a

cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Pour the chocolate mixture onto the pan. Let the covered nuts set until firm or chill them for faster results. Break the bark into pieces and store in a cool, dry place. The same chocolate makes an impression when it is shaped. Cover the outside of a small (5-inch) bowl with aluminum foil, making it as smooth as possible. Freeze it at least 30 minutes, or overnight. Melt 1 pound of white coating and 1 pound of milk or

dark chocolate. Place the melted candy in quart-size resealable plastic bags. Snip off one corner and squeeze the candy to that corner. Pipe the coating over bowl in a lacy, looping pattern. Freeze 10 minutes. Pipe the remaining coating over the first layer. Freeze it until set. Remove the foil carefully. The chocolate basket is fragile, so it should be handled carefully. Fill it with gumdrops, jelly beans or a lightweight candy. Home economist Sandra Hounsom specializes in microwave cooking.

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ONION AND CHERRY-GLAZED PORK CHOPS

4 boneless pork loin chops (3/4 to 1 inch thick)
1/2 tsp. garlic-pepper seasoning
3 tsp. olive oil
1/3 cup water
1/4 cup dried sweetened cherries
3 tbsp. balsamic vinegar
2 small onions, sliced, separated into rings
1 tsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. cornstarch
1/4 tsp. salt

Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Season

chops with garlic pepper. Sauté 6 to 8 minutes, turning once, until browned. Remove from pan and keep warm. Combine water, cherries and vinegar. Set aside. Sauté onion in remaining 2 teaspoons oil, covered, 12 to 14 minutes until onions are very tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in brown sugar. Over medium heat, cook 3 to 4 minutes until onion is lightly browned. Stir cornstarch and salt into onion mixture. Stir into onion mixture in skillet. Cook and stir until thickened slightly and boiling. Add chops to skillet. Heat through.

Makes 4 servings; 260 calories, 9 g fat, 26 g protein, 200 mg sodium, 60 mg cholesterol and 15 g carbohydrate each.

ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD

1 cup Oriental salad dressing
1/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar, if desired
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1-1/4 lb.)
8 cups mixed salad greens
2 green onions, chopped
1 carrot, shredded
Oriental noodles, if desired

Combine dressing with brown sugar. In large, shallow baking dish or plastic bag, turn chicken in marinade until coated. Cover or close bag. Marinate in refrigerator, turning occasionally, up to 3 hours. Refrigerate remaining 3/4 cup marinade separately. Remove chicken, discarding its marinade. Broil chicken, turning once, until it is no longer pink. To serve, arrange greens, snow peas, onion and carrot on platter. Slice chicken and arrange over mixture. Drizzle with reserved marinade. Garnish with Oriental noodles. Makes 4 servings.

FIESTA PORK SOUP

In medium saucepan, cook and stir 1 pound lean ground pork until browned. Drain.

Add 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth, 1 jar (8 ounces) picante sauce, 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin and 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in 1 can (11 ounces)

fiesta nacho cheese soup. Simmer until hot. Do not boil. Pour into serving bowls. Garnish with small tortilla chips and dollop of sour cream. Makes 4 servings.

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BREAKFAST SAUSAGE BISCUITS

8 oz. bulk pork sausage
1/3 cup shortening
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
About 3/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cook sausage in 10-inch skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until brown. Drain, if necessary. Cool slightly, then crumble. In large bowl, using pastry blender or crisscrossing 2 knives, cut shortening into flour, baking powder and salt until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in sausage. Stir in just enough milk so dough leaves side of bowl and forms ball. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead lightly 10 times. Roll or pat 1/2-inch thick. Cut with floured 2-1/2-inch biscuit cutter. Place biscuits about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Serve hot. Cover and refrigerate any remaining biscuits. Makes about 10 biscuits; 200 calories, 11 g fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 350 mg sodium and 20 g carbohydrate each.

Today's Food

Over-the-road recipes arrive in hall of fame

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

A recipe hall of fame is more desirable than the kind movie stars have. Instead of putting their hands in concrete, they get to make bread dough, sip soup and baste birds in the oven.

Gwen McKee and co-author Barbara Moseley chose 450 recipes from the first 28 books in the Best of the Best series for the "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook" (Quail Ridge Press, \$19.95).

"Every recipe in this hall of fame book has been tried again and again and again. There are three criteria for the recipes. One is taste. Two is taste. Three is taste," says Mississippi McKee.

The two specialists in local cuisine have spent 15 years sampling, cooking and researching food in its natural habitat - around tables.

"Food and people go together. So much of our heritage goes with food. We just stop people on the street. People always want to talk about food. They always talk about food with such expression in their faces," McKee says.

They promote the cookbooks from which they take their recipes, as well as the books themselves. Moseley's children and McKee's children, who earned spending money by helping bind the first books, have grown up and provide a new generation of cooks.

"My oldest grandchild is seven," McKee says. "She

shapes pancakes. We make Peanut Butter Cookies and Quick Jell-O Salad from the cookbook. The grandchildren are getting a base of liking to cook and see they get compliments."

Of course, there is their extended family. Fans of the cookbook series form "best" clubs. They "absolutely swear by these books," she says. Their enthusiasm tipped the scale for including some recipes.

They did not have to reinvent the recipes because "they are just so good it is hard to improve them." She names Death by Chocolate among them. It is a trifle that combines coffee or liqueur-flavored brownies, pudding, candy bars and whipped topping, with a basic recipe of five ingredients.

McKee uses the family image of sharing a meal with foods not complex to prepare and that fit today's way of living.

"Children who sit down to meals with their families stand a better chance of scoring high on their SATs (Standard Aptitude Tests). It is good and basic. Children can remember something besides McDonald's hamburgers when they grow up," she says.

Four years from now they hope to have crisscrossed across the entire country's cuisine. They always take recommendations about local cookbooks when they interview. They also try to golf, but usually duty calls them off the course to someone's kitchen or table.

They may be compiling the only cookbook that could

be better than a recipe hall of fame. It will be the Recipe Hall of Fame Dessert Cookbook.

Cranberry Meat Balls from "Finely Tuned Foods" (Missouri) is a timely party dish. For dessert, make Simply Great Pineapple Cake from "REC Family Cookbook" (Great Plains).

Janice Denham is food editor of Suburban Journals.

CRANBERRY MEAT BALLS

2 lb. ground beef
1 cup cornflake crumbs
1/3 cup dried parsley flakes
2 eggs
2 tbsp. soy sauce
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/3 cup ketchup
2 tbsp. chopped onion
1 can (16 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce
1 bottle (12 oz.) chili sauce
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tbsp. lemon juice

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In large bowl, mix ground beef, crumbs, parsley, eggs, soy sauce, pepper, garlic powder, ketchup and onion. Blend well. Form into ball. Brown in preheated oven 15 minutes. Drain grease.

Combine cranberry sauce, chili sauce, brown sugar and lemon juice. Cover meatballs with sauce. Bake in 300 degree oven 15 minutes. Serve in chafing dish. Makes 80 to 90 meatballs.

SIMPLY GREAT PINEAPPLE CAKE

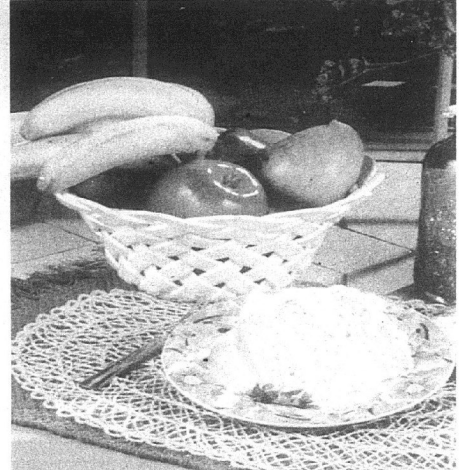
1 box (2 layers) yellow or lemon pudding-included cake mix
3/4 cup oil
4 eggs
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges
1 can (13-1/2 oz.) crushed pineapple
1 pkg. (4 servings) instant vanilla pudding mix
1 carton (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
Pinch salt

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour three (8-inch) cake pans. Mix cake mix with oil. Add eggs. Beat well. Blend in undrained oranges. Using electric mixer at medium speed, beat 2 minutes.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool.

Mix pineapple and pudding. Fold in topping. Spread over layers and side of cake. Refrigerate.

Makes 16 servings. Note: Cake can be baked in 13-by-9-inch greased and floured baking pan in preheated 350 degree oven 28 to 36 minutes.



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BLUE CHEESE APPETIZER BISCUITS

2 cups self-rising flour
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
4 oz. blue cheese, crumbled
3/4 cup milk
2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease large cookie sheet.

Place flour in large bowl. Using pastry blender or fork, cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Gently stir in blue cheese. Add milk. Using fork, stir until soft, moist dough forms and mixture begins to pull away from side of bowl.

On lightly floured surface, knead dough gently until just smooth. Roll dough 1/4-inch thick. Using sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares.

Place biscuits on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until light golden brown.

Brush hot biscuits with melted butter.

Yields 36 biscuits.

PENNE WITH SAUCE

1 lb. uncooked penne pasta
4 or 5 slices bacon, finely chopped
1 onion, finely chopped
1/3 cup vodka or chicken broth
1 jar (26 oz.) pasta sauce with romano cheese and herbs
1/3 cup whipping cream or evaporated skim milk
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. In large saucepan, cook bacon 2 to 3 minutes. Add onion. Cook until tender. Add vodka. Cook about 1 minute until liquid is reduced.

Stir in pasta sauce and cream. Simmer 4 to 5 minutes. Toss sauce with hot penne. Serve topped with parsley. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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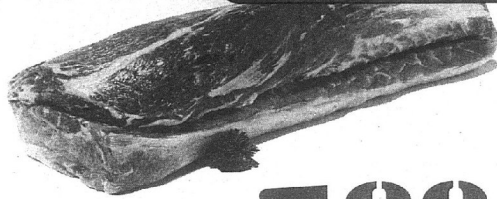
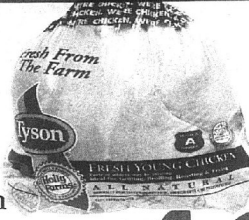
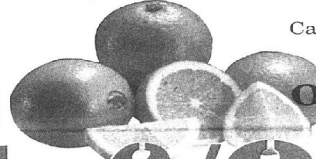
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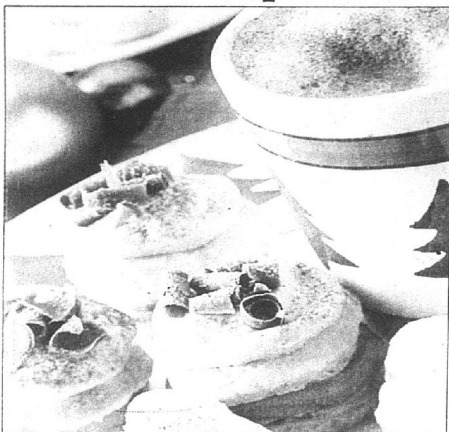
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Today's Food

Nibbles proudly puff into bite-size sensations



Fill mini puffs with fruit or drizzle with chocolate.

Small party foods are big for the holidays. Guests admire their daintiness on a buffet table or tray and enjoy the ease of eating a mini-dessert in one or two bites while chatting and balancing a beverage. When everyone feels a little overfed, elegant nibbles are more welcome than large

helpings. Frozen puff pastry gives a dressed-up look to all kinds of finger foods. Its elegance hides its ease. Pear Mini-Turnovers look like a pastry chef's creation but require simple, everyday cooking skills. Thaw a couple sheets, cut rounds with a biscuit cutter and spoon on a

simple fruit filling. Chocolate Mini-Puffs look entirely different, but are cut with the same biscuit cutter. Once baked, the puffs are split and filled with a three-ingredient chocolate filling.

PEAR MINI-TURNOVERS

- 1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry (2 sheets)
- 2 small pears (about 8 oz.) peeled, cored, chopped
- 2 tbsp. raspberry preserves
- Confectioner's sugar

Thaw pastry sheets at

room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In small bowl, combine pears and raspberry preserves until blended. Work with one pastry sheet at a time. On lightly floured surface, unfold pastry and roll into 12-inch square. Using 3-inch biscuit cutter, cut in 12 rounds. Spoon 1 rounded teaspoon pear mixture into center of each square. Brush edges lightly with water and fold in half to form half-moon. Press edges to seal.

Place bundles about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven 12 minutes or until puffed and golden. Sprinkle with confec-

tioner's sugar. Yields 24 mini-turnovers.

CHOCOLATE MINI-PUFFS

- 1/2 pkg. (17.3 oz. size) frozen puff pastry (1 sheet)
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/3 cup cocoa

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll into 14-by-9-inch rectangle. Using 2-inch biscuit cutter, cut in 24 rounds. Prick

rounds with fork tines. Brush with water. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, using total of 1/2 tablespoon.

Place pastries about 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes or until puffed and golden. Using electric mixer on high, beat cream, cocoa and remaining 2-1/2 tablespoons sugar about 3 minutes until stiff peaks form.

Split each round in half. For each mini-puff, spoon about 2 teaspoons chocolate mixture on bottom half. Top with remaining pastry half and 1 teaspoon chocolate mixture. Decorate with chocolate curls or chocolate sprinkles and dusting of cocoa, if desired. Yields 24 mini-puffs.

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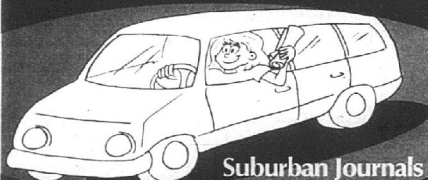
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Because it is boneless, carving is a cinch. To make it easier, tent the meat loosely with aluminum foil and let it stand 10 minutes before serving.

Complete the holiday feast with mixed green salad, bak-

ery bread or rolls and purchased stollen or homemade cookies.

This roast provides a "dividend" meal, if desired.

Reserve part of the beef and vegetables for a sandwich supper later in the week. Cut the reserved beef into thin slices and pile into a crusty Italian bread loaf spread with soft spreadable cheese. The roasted peppers and onions along with fresh spinach leaves make a perfect finish for this tasty sandwich special enough for casual entertaining.

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CITRUS-HERB ROAST TENDERLOIN

- 4-1/2 lb. well-trimmed beef tenderloin roast
- 2 large red bell peppers, cut in 1 inch wedges
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- 2 large onions, cut lengthwise in 1/2 inch wedges
- 2 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. olive oil
- 2 tbsp. grated lemon peel
- 2 tsp. leaf thyme
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine lemon peel, 2 tablespoons oil, thyme, salt and pepper. Reserve 2 teaspoons seasoning for vegetables.

Evenly press remaining seasoning into surface of beef roast. Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Do not add water or cover.

In medium bowl, combine vegetables, reserved seasoning mixture and 1 teaspoon oil. Toss to coat. Arrange in single layer in 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan.

Roast beef and vegetables in preheated oven 50 to 55 minutes for medium rare meat, 60 to 65 minutes for medium doneness and until vegetables are tender and lightly browned.

Transfer roast to carving



Roast beef tenderloin elegantly highlights a December meal with friends.

board. Tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 10 minutes.

For sandwiches, reserve 12 ounces cooked beef (about one-fourth of roast) and 1 cup roasted vegetables.

Slice remaining roast. Serve with roasted vegetables.

Makes 6 servings; 460 calories, 49 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 24 g fat, 547 mg sodium and 141 mg cholesterol each.

Tenderloin Sandwiches:

ORANGE-CRANBERRY DRESSING

- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tbsp. margarine or butter

cut 1 loaf (16 ounces) Italian bread in half horizontally. Spread each surface with 1/4 cup garden vegetable spreadable cheese. Layer 1 cup spinach leaves, beef and reserved vegetables on bottom half of bread. Close sandwich. To serve, cut in 8 pieces.

Makes 4 servings; 587 calories, 37 g protein, 71 g carbohydrate, 16 g fat, 1,080 mg sodium and 90 mg cholesterol each.

- 8 cups dry whole wheat bread crumbs (1/2 inch)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 5 oranges, peeled, sectioned, seeded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In large skillet, cook celery and onion in margarine until tender but not brown. In large bowl, combine bread, vegetables and cranberries. Stir together orange juice, salt and cinnamon. Drizzle over bread mixture. Toss gently to coat. Gently stir in oranges.

Transfer mixture to 2-quart casserole.

Bake covered, in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes until dressing is heated through.

Serve with roasted chicken or turkey. Makes 8 side-dish servings; 154 calories, 3 g protein, 28 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, no cholesterol, 231 mg sodium and 2 g dietary fiber each.

GUACAMOLE IN A BOWL

- 4 avocados, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 cup diced tomato
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 5 or 6 canned jalapeno peppers, chopped (reserve 1/2 cup liquid)
- Juice of 4 limes

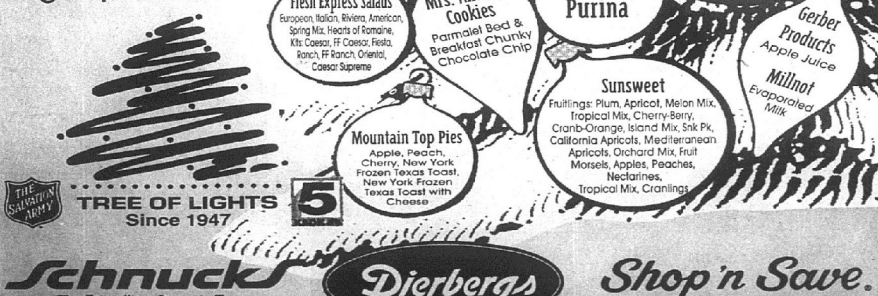
In glass bowl, mash avocado lightly, leaving some whole cubes. Add tomato, onion, cilantro, jalapeno and lime juice. Mix together. Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with baked tortilla chips or strips. If desired, serve in baked tortilla baskets.

Baked Tortilla Baskets: Soften flour tortillas by warming briefly in skillet or microwave oven. Brush both sides lightly with oil and gently push into 1-cup custard dish or small oven-safe bowl. Tortilla will ruffle. Line with aluminum foil and weight with dried beans or rice. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven 7 minutes. Carefully remove shells from bowl and cool.

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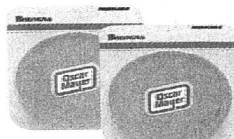
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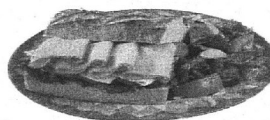
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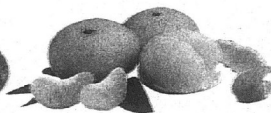
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Honda celebrates anniversary with white-hot roadster

By Tom Strongman

Honda's S2000 sports car looks tame enough, but twist its 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine to a mind-boggling 9,000 rpm and its 240 horsepower screams like a caged cat. This may be a small package but it packs a good-sized punch.

If it surprises you to find Honda and sports car in the same sentence, consider this: Honda racing engines have repeatedly been champions in CART and Formula One, and the Acura NSX (Acura is Honda's American luxury division) is a sports car whose performance and handling rivals some of the world's best.

Further, the Honda Civic Si, Prelude and Acura Integra Type R are basically sports cars locked inside hatchback bodies.

This \$32,000 roadster was built to celebrate Honda's 50th anniversary, and the candles on its cake burn white-hot. The engine revs more like a motorcycle than a car, and some drivers may find that unsettling because they aren't used to such high rpm.

On the other hand, the handful of enthusiast drivers lucky enough to get their hands on one of the 6,000 to 7,000 that will be sold in this country most likely know about high-revving power, and they will revel in its banshee wail and the way it yowls its way to 60 mph in less than six seconds.



It's only fitting that Honda would produce such an exotic power plant for its anniversary celebration. This all-aluminum engine is a 16-valve, twin-cam unit that relies on a new, compact version of Honda's VTEC (Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control) for much of its flexibility and power. Under 6,000 rpm, power and torque certainly are more than adequate for regular driving. Over 6,000 rpm the engine fairly bursts with power as it is transformed into a racing machine. Almost mind-bogglingly surprising that its output at the factory still meets California's emissions vehicle standard.

In terms of raw performance, the front-engine, rear-drive S2000 feels like a pint-sized NSX. Competitors include two-seaters from BMW, Porsche, Mazda and Mercedes-Benz. Based on my seat-of-the-pants impression, it takes the measure of most.

As you might expect, wringing maximum performance from this engine is done by a close-ratio, six-speed transmission. The first-tall gear lever has a small aluminum knob on top, and it can be shifted just by rocking your wrist while your elbow rests on the transmission tunnel. A 4.10 rear axle ratio means that this engine turns close to 3,500 rpm at freeway speeds.

The S2000's long-hood, short-trunk design places the cockpit well back in the vehicle and creates a 50/50 front/rear weight distribution, which contributes to its excellent handling. The double-wishbone suspension and 16-inch wheels grip tenaciously but the ride is definitely firm. On rough streets it was downright jiggly, but

In terms of size, the S2000 most resembles BMW's Z3. Its long-hood, short-trunk profile is even more pronounced, while its 94.5-inch wheelbase is a couple inches shorter. Other

dimensions are pretty much equal.

The Horra's cockpit is tight, to be sure. Seats are wraparound snug, with extra lateral support built in near the driver's shoulders. The tall transmission tunnel is the vehicle's backbone and it contributes to chassis stiffness, as does additional bracing under the floor. A small box-section frame member runs in front of each seat and seemed to interfere with the passenger's foot space more than it did the driver.

Considering that true sports cars usually have analog gauges, the S2000's all-digital instrument panel is a bit of a surprise. I suspect, however, that this layout was inspired by the instruments used in racing cars, plus space on the instrument panel is at a premium and analog gauges would not have fit very well.

A clever touch comes in the use of a separate start button on the left side of the dash. The key location, down on the right side of the column, is awkward to reach, especially in the dark.

The radio is hidden behind a flip-down cover, and a clock is nowhere to be found. Toggle-type switches for the radio are situated on the dash and can be operated without moving one's hands from the steering wheel.

Dropping the power-operated top is simple and can be done in a matter of seconds. Roll bars behind the seats offer rollover protection, and our test car was equipped with a small, flip-up wind blocker between the headrests. This is a dealer-installed option.

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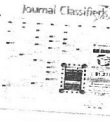
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